

# 2009 Award Winner



## Jim Rodney Memorial Volunteer of the Year – **Angeline Nyce, RPF, L.LB**

Angeline Nyce is a lawyer, registered forest professional (RPF) and also the 2009 co-recipient of the Association of BC Forest Professional's (ABC FP) Jim Rodney Memorial Volunteer of the Year award (also awarded to Phil Blanchard, RPF). This award recognizes outstanding volunteer service to the association and the profession. Angeline's instrumental leadership in and dedication to creating and facilitating an Aboriginal study group for the ABCFP 2009 registration exam makes her well-deserving of the award.

Angeline grew up in Gitwinksihlkw, a northern BC community close to Terrace where there was a lot of forestry and natural resource-related activity taking place. The ever-present opportunities to observe her environment and family involvement in the forest sector piqued Angeline's interest. "I had a desire to be of service and assist in the advancement of forest stewardship and resource development," says Angeline. Her aspirations led her to earn a bachelors degree in forestry from the University of British Columbia and to work within the forest sector. Although she took a sabbatical from active forestry employment to become a lawyer (2007), Angeline was still focused on the forest as she studied natural resource and Aboriginal law.

In 2009, one year after earning her RPF designation, Angeline decided to put her knowledge to use and help others reach the same goal. She created a study group for Aboriginal members who were planning to write the registration exam. Angeline contacted Aboriginal enrollees, secured mentors and spent many hours developing and posting pertinent information online. She also organized exam preparation conference calls and provided advice to study group members all while working full-time as an associate at Davis LLP.

Upon learning that she had won the Jim Rodney Memorial Volunteer of the Year award, Angeline says she was surprised, amazed and humbled. "This award represents the efforts of all study group members. The mentors and mentees practise in different areas of forestry and come from different walks of life but were able to not only work hard but to build relationships and support each other."

Not one to rest on her laurels, Angeline has already begun to organize the Aboriginal study group in preparation for the 2010 exams. "For me, it's definitely a privilege to be able to help."