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VINCE BUETI A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

To “L’Avvocato Bueti,” Winnipeg is a lattice of vibrant neighbourhoods interlaced with global languages and local streetscapes. It is a community rich in cultural virtues and ripe with opportunities for newcomers like Giuseppe Bueti who found a good job and a new home

here for his family – wife Giuseppa, daughter Cathy and son Vince – who arrived in Canada on the SS Saturnia from Italy in 1956. Since then, Vince has been shaped by the city he’s called home since he was three years old. It’s where he grew up, fell in love, earned his university degrees, raised his family, built a successful law practice, served as chairman of the Winnipeg School Division and continues to serve the community.

“I grew up first in the inner city and then the West End,” Vince recalls. “From day one, my parents instilled in me the idea that Winnipeg was a good place to live and raise a family and that it was important to give back to your community and bring respect to your name.”

As much as Vince’s early Winnipeg experiences determined his personal life, his ongoing and passionate commitment to public and professional service has helped reinvigorate and reshape many of the city’s neighbourhoods. As a young lawyer, Vince launched his practice on Corydon Avenue in 1984. Unofficially known as Little Italy, it was the right setting for Vince to build his career because the avenue would become the focal point of Winnipeg’s Italian community.

The Corydon neighbourhood also gave Vince an opportunity to put his community service skills into action. As a key board member and then president of the emergent Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone (BIZ) for eight years, Vince helped ensure that streetscape enhancements made Corydon Avenue one of Winnipeg’s most popular destinations.

“By virtue of the tremendous amount of work that was done by a dedicated core of business people, the beautification of Corydon Avenue was a catalyst for other successful BIZ initiatives around the city,” Vince states. “Our success there then led me to serve two terms as president of the Winnipeg BIZ Association which represents 15 business zones all over Winnipeg.”

As an exceedingly busy lawyer, Vince works hard to ensure that his clients’ interests are protected and their needs met. His reputation as a talented and dedicated professional is well known in the Italian community and throughout Winnipeg.

“In my practice I’ve developed a broad ethnic and business clientele,” he explains. “I’m very fortunate to have their patronage and grateful for their loyalty.”

Vince is especially proud of how his Italian roots have so fruitfully contributed to the success of his law practice. Considered one of Winnipeg’s foremost Italian lawyers, he has garnered the trust and respect of his own community. For Vince, this esteem is a reflection of his own reverence for how hard his family worked when they came to Winnipeg and how much Italian Canadians have prospered over the years.

“We’ve all thrived together and I’m humbled by the respect and recognition that I’ve received from my community and my clients,” he states.

There is a great sense of community in Vince Bueti’s words. After all, it’s what shaped him personally and continues to inspire him professionally.

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