

Praise for 'committed' lawyer stepping down after 45 years

'Most rewarding part of job is clients who become friends'

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A lawyer has retired after 45 years with a Bromley law firm.

Ralph Stanger, who is a senior partner, retired from Judge & Priestley in West Street at the end of April with a send off at Sundridge Park Manor for the firm's staff and clients.

Mr Stanger joined J&P in 1967, joining the firm as an articled clerk before qualifying as a solicitor in 1972.

In 1976 he became an Equity Partner together with Victor Judge, Michael Judge and Peter Taylor.

'Different'

For many years he dealt with property matters, but as he and his clients got older his efforts focused on private clients, providing advice on wills, inheritance and trusts.

He said: "When I started with J&P, compared with now, the world was a different place and work was at a different pace.

"Over the many years that I have been with J&P, as you would expect, the work practices and the technology have changed beyond all recognition from when I started.

"However, what stands out are the things that haven't changed - the values of the firm to provide a professional and expert service to our clients in a friendly manner and the passion of our members and staff to deal with our clients' legal matters and resolve their problems.

"The most enjoyable and



Retiring Ralph Stanger, centre, with managing partner Steve Taylor and Mark Oakley, partner

rewarding part of the job has been dealing with people and that clients have become friends, as well as friends having become clients."

Steven Taylor, the firm's managing partner said: "We will miss Ralph's dedicated and committed attitude to work.

"He has a long standing

and committed client base and has contributed immensely to the success and continued growth of Judge & Priestley.

"The staff wish him a wonderful and fun filled retirement."

David Chandra, who joined the team last month, will be looking after Mr Stanger's

clients and is offering a free will review or 30 minute free consultation to discuss inheritance tax and care home fee planning, to all new and existing clients.

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