

Ninety-year-old Gordon B. Jackson, an attorney with the Fraser and Mason law firm in Mississauga, will retire for the second time in his life at the end of the month. Jackson, who retired once before at age 75, says that this is finally it for his career in law.

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At 90 years of age, Gordon B. Jackson has decided it's time for him to retire. Again.

The Mississauga lawyer, who tried to adjust to a life of leisure 15 years ago, but became "fed-up", will give up his position for a second time at the end of the month.

"I don't know what I'm going to be doing exactly," he said in his office, part of the Fraser and Mason law firm in the McLaughlin building.

The grey-haired, bespectacled lawyer, who will not actually be 90 until September, but continues to be extremely active, claims

that he "won't come back, again. . . I'm not 50 anymore."

A practising lawyer for 63 years, Jackson began his legal career in 1915 upon graduation from the University of Toronto's Osgoode Hall. In his first year, the new lawyer joined a firm in Parry Sound, but it wasn't long before he left to serve four years in the navy and then three years as Dominion secretary for the Canadian naval forces. Jackson moved to this area in 1919.

He figured prominently in the Malton area boundary dispute, when Mississauga was still the Township of Toronto.

"Toronto Township could offer them water services which they needed to build the airport. . . . it was such a battle, there wasn't a court room big enough so it was carried on in the Legislative Assembly of the province.

"York county wanted that area and so did Brampton, but we finally got it."

Jackson estimates that he's defended a client for almost every crime in the criminal code, including murder.

"No, I'm not happy to leave it," he admitted. Anybody need an experienced lawyer?