

QUEEN'S COUNSEL APPOINTMENTS

Valerie Perry (Winnipeg) – Perry is currently a consulting counsel with the Legislative Counsel Office within Manitoba Justice, focusing on family law, elections law and advising professional staff. She was called to the Manitoba bar in 1977. She was previously legislative counsel and assistant deputy minister with Manitoba Justice where she managed staff, ensured the government's legislative program was achieved each year, published Manitoba laws and provided educational programs on legislation. In addition, she was legal officer to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba. Perry also held a part-time academic position as instructor in the legislative drafting graduate program at Athabasca University from 2010 to 2017. She was also a long-standing member of the National Association of Legislative Counsel and Parliamentary Counsel in Canada.

Bruce H. King (Winnipeg) – King is a partner with Pitblado Law practising corporate-commercial law and was called to the Manitoba bar in 1983. He advises clients on the purchase, sale and merger of businesses and on commercial real estate, property development and the financing of those transactions. He also provides general legal advice to business owners and assists businesses with their contractual needs. King is involved in several community organizations including as director of the Seven Oaks Hospital Chronic Disease Innovation Centre, chair of the board of governors of Balmoral Hall School, chair of the Winnipeg Chamber Music Society, past-chair of the Manitoba Alpine Ski Division and captain of the Springfield Polo Club. His professional involvement includes past managing partner at Pitblado Law and past chair for the Canadian Bar Association, National Real Property Section and National Business Law Section.

Jonathan Kroft (Winnipeg) – Kroft is counsel to MLT Aikins LLP and was called to the Manitoba bar in 1984. He has practises in the areas of commercial litigation, administrative and public law, arbitration, alternative dispute resolution and securities litigation. Prior legal positions include executive vice-president, risk management and chief legal officer at Wellington West Holdings Inc. where he dealt with commercial matters, mergers and acquisitions, regulatory issues, employment issues and dispute, and risk management. Kroft has been involved with a number of community organizations including Simkin Centre personal care home, Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice, and the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg.

Tracey Lynn Epp (Winnipeg) – Epp is a partner at Pitblado Law and was called to the Manitoba Bar in 1990. She practises primarily in the areas of labour and employment law, human rights law and alternative dispute resolution. She is certified by the Association of Workplace Investigators as a workplace investigator. Epp is a member of the Manitoba Council of Administrative Tribunals and the Canadian and Manitoba Bar Associations. She is currently an adjudicator appointed to the Manitoba Human Rights Adjudication Panel and an arbitrator appointed to the Manitoba Labour Board's arbitrators list. She also sits on the boards of the Interlake-Eastern Health Foundation and North Forge. Epp has been listed in Best Lawyers since its inception as one of Canada's top lawyers in labour and employment law, by Lexpert as a leading practitioner and by Benchmark as a litigation star. Epp has lived in Winnipeg her entire life and takes every opportunity to promote Winnipeg and Manitoba. She has coached soccer for over 25 years and has three adult children who have all remained in this province, each of whom spend time volunteering for various organizations.

Michael E. Guttormson (Winnipeg) – Guttormson is executive vice-president, general counsel and secretary of James Richardson & Sons, Limited (JRSL) and was called to the Manitoba bar in 1990. He is responsible for overseeing JRSL's and many of its subsidiaries' legal matters including those relating to acquisitions, financings, investments and corporate governance. He serves on the boards of directors of Tundra Oil & Gas Limited, Kingston Midstream Limited, Bison Transport Inc., Richard Financial Group Limited, Lombard Realty Limited and TN Square Inc. Guttormson is involved in a number of not-for-profit organizations including STARS Air Ambulance, the United Way and the Assiniboine Park Conservancy.

Richard D. Buchwald (Winnipeg) – Buchwald is a partner with Pitblado Law and was called to the Manitoba bar in 1994. He practises in the areas of civil and commercial litigation including estates professional regulation, debtor and creditor relations, agri-business, employment and commercial leasing. He is a trusted advisor to many clients in a wide variety of sectors. His professional activities include being a life bencher of the Law Society of Manitoba, a past member of the board of directors of the Canadian Bar Association and past-president of the Manitoba Bar Association. Buchwald currently serves on the board of directors of the Health Sciences Centre Foundation.

Keith D. LaBossiere (Winnipeg) – LaBossiere serves as CEO and managing partner of Thompson Dorfman Sweatman LLP and was called to the Manitoba bar in 1994. While doing so, he continues to practise in the areas of civil litigation and labour and employment law, and has significant experience in the area of police employment law and public-sector labour relations. LaBossiere was the recipient of the A. Montague Israels, QC prize from the Law Society of Manitoba. He has repeatedly been recommended as a leading practitioner in Winnipeg and named one of Canada's 40 leading lawyers under 40 by Lexpert and one of Canada's top 25 Most Influential Lawyers in 2020 by *Canadian Lawyer*. LaBossiere serves on several non-profit boards and continues to donate time and energy to a variety of charitable and community organizations.

Bradley D. Regehr (Winnipeg) – Regehr is a partner at Maurice Law, Barristers & Solicitors and was called to the Manitoba bar in 1997. He currently practises in the areas of Aboriginal, administrative, civil litigation and corporate-commercial law. He is legal counsel to First Nations and other aboriginal groups concerning a wide variety of matters including litigation and administrative matters, historical claim issues and governance matters. He is a member of the Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation and was the first Indigenous president of the Canadian Bar Association and Manitoba Bar Association. During his tenure as president of the Canadian Bar Association, Regehr made the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action* his personal presidential priority. Regehr also has extensive experience participating in legal education sessions with the Law Society of Manitoba, Canadian Bar Association and Manitoba Bar Association. In November 2021, Brad was presented with the special recognition award of the Aboriginal Lawyers Forum of the British Columbia branch of the Canadian Bar Association.

Gregory Gordon Evans (Winnipeg) – Evans is currently the principal lawyer with Evans Family Law Corporation and was called to the Manitoba bar in 1998. Evans taught the Clinical Family Law course for 13 years and has been a guest lecturer on family law, domestic violence and alternate dispute resolution at the faculty of law at the University of Manitoba and has developed and delivered collaborative family law training for Collaborative Practice Manitoba. His professional and community involvement includes being a member of the Family Law Modernization Collaborative Table, the Family Law Reform Committee and Collaborative Practice Manitoba. He currently is the chair of Winnipeg Condominium Corporation No. 463. Evans also has memberships with the Law Society of Manitoba, Manitoba Bar Association, Canadian Bar Association, the American Bar Association, Collaborative Practice Manitoba, Collaborative Professionals of Canada, the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, the ADR Institute of Manitoba, the ADR Institute of Canada and FAMLII.

Leilani Kagan (Winnipeg) – Kagan is a partner at Thompson Dorfman Sweatman LLP and was called to the Manitoba bar in 1999. Her practice focuses on tax, corporate reorganizations, trusts and estate planning, and business law. Her community involvement includes her activities as a director and past-president of the Dream Factory and director of Toba Centre for Children & Youth. She is also a member of the engagement committee of the Associates of the I.H. Asper School of Business and co-chair of the United Way's major donor cabinet.

Brenlee Carrington Trepel (Winnipeg) – Carrington Trepel is a recently retired self-employed lawyer and sole practitioner who was called to the Manitoba bar in 1999. She was recently the chairperson for the Manitoba Human Rights Commission and was the first equity ombudsperson for the Law Society of Manitoba. Carrington Trepel has journalism experience and is currently a freelance book reviewer with the Winnipeg Free Press. She has published more than 70 articles on human rights, discrimination, harassment and respectful workplace issues for the Law Society and the Manitoba Bar Association's newsletter. Her community involvement includes being a member of the Black and White Ball committee of the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre, a member of the president's advisory council of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra and a volunteer with the University of Manitoba Biomedical Research Ethics Board.