

KING'S COUNSEL APPOINTMENTS

Thomas Gordon Frohlinger was called to the Manitoba bar in 1982. Frohlinger has been with the firm PKF Lawyers since 2000. Frohlinger is the managing director of the firm and was nominated as Ernst and Young's Entrepreneur of the Year in 2004 and 2018 in the professional services category for Western Canada in recognition of his stewardship of the firm. The firm practises in the areas of entrepreneurial and commercial law, administrative law and civil litigation. Frohlinger was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal in 2022 in recognition of his service to the community and to Manitoba as Hungary's honorary consul and member of Manitoba's consular corps.

Jeffrey Brian Hirsch was appointed to the Manitoba bar in 1987. Hirsch is a partner with Thompson Dorfman Sweatman LLP, primarily in the areas of professional regulation, administrative law, commercial litigation and professional negligence. Hirsch has been selected multiple times for inclusion by Best Lawyers in Canada for administrative and public law. Hirsch is an advocate for enhancing Canadians' ability to obtain legal services and access to justice. From 2010 to 2018, Hirsch served on Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin's National Action Committee on Access to Justice in Civil and Family Matters where Hirsch was a member of the steering committee.

John David Stefaniuk was called to the Manitoba bar in 1988. Stefaniuk is a partner with Thompson Dorfman Sweatman LLP. Stefaniuk has 30 years of experience in the areas of environmental law, Indigenous law, natural resources and energy law, commercial law, property development, and municipal law. He helped lead TDS's move to its new premises at True North Square as chair of the firm's premises committee. Stefaniuk has been repeatedly named to the Lexpert/ American Lawyer Guide to the 500 Leading Lawyers in Canada and the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory under both environmental and property development. Stefaniuk is named in the Chambers Global Guide to the World's Leading Business Lawyers 2022 and has been named among the "global thought leaders" under environmental law in *Who's Who Legal*. Stefaniuk is a past president of the Manitoba Bar Association and was elected vice-president of the Canadian Bar Association national board of directors effective Sept. 1.

Stuart J. Blake was called to the Manitoba bar in 1989. Blake is CEO and managing partner of Fillmore Riley LLP. Recognized as one of Canada's most accomplished insurance lawyers, Blake draws on his 30 years of experience and his in-depth understanding of insurance law. Blake represents Canadian, American and London-based insurers as defence, subrogation and coverage counsel. His practice encompasses commercial liability insurance defence matters, aviation law, professional errors and omissions insurance, life and disability claims, product liability, fire claims and complex coverage disputes. Blake is a member of CancerCare Manitoba Foundation's board of directors, past campaign chair for Canadian Blood Services and past president of the Winnipeg Humane Society. His commitment to community service has been recognized with the Manitoba Bar Association community service award.

Kevin Terrance Williams was called to the Manitoba bar in 1990. Williams is a managing partner at Taylor McCaffrey LLP. His practice primarily involves insurance, construction, and professional and corporate governance issues. He regularly appears before superior and appellate courts in Manitoba, Ontario and Saskatchewan and has argued a number of appeals for clients in the Supreme Court of Canada. Williams has sat on the Taylor McCaffrey LLP management committee since 2003 and sat on various committees and the board at the St. Boniface Hospital Research Foundation for 19 years, where he ultimately served as chair of the board of directors.

Helga Dale Van Iderstine was called to the Manitoba bar in 1991. She is a partner at MLT Aikins. Van Iderstine was the recipient of the 2022 Richard J. Scott Award and the 2015 Manitoba Bar Association pro bono, public interest law award. Van Iderstine practises in the areas of administrative and public law and advises on matters related to regulatory issues, professional liability, health care and utilities. Van Iderstine has been a group leader, facilitator and lecturer on civil litigation and discovery for the Law Society of Manitoba's bar admission course and CPLED program. She has presented on professional liability, medical and legal issues including ethics, civil litigation and damages. Van Iderstine is a board member of Legal Aid Manitoba, a board member of the World Trade Centre Winnipeg and a member of the discipline, reimbursement and admissions and education appeal committee of the Law Society.

Evan Jay Roitenberg was called to the Manitoba bar in 1992. Roitenberg has been with Wolson Roitenberg Robinson Wolson Minuk since 2021 and previously with Gindin Wolson Simmonds Roitenberg from 2003 to 2021. Roitenberg has been the Manitoba representative on the Canadian Council of Criminal Defence Lawyers since 2006 and since 2012 has been a faculty member for the criminal defence advocacy skills workshop through the Law Society of Manitoba. Roitenberg was lawyer of the year (Manitoba) by Best Lawyers Canada, criminal defence in 2022. He has been a cast member in 13 fundraising plays co-produced by the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre and the Manitoba Bar Association.

Lawrence Isaac Pinsky was called to the Manitoba bar in 1993. Pinsky has been practising law with Taylor McCaffrey LLP since 1998 and became a partner shortly thereafter. His main areas of practise are in advocacy, principally in family law and in other specialized areas, and in family mediation and arbitration. Pinsky sat on the Manitoba human rights adjudication panel for three terms. Pinsky is an executive member of the Canadian Bar Association, family section; a co-founder, director and president of FAML I (the Family Arbitration and Mediation Legal Institute); and a co-founder and co-chair of the National Family Law Arbitration Program. He has volunteered on multiple boards and has been a speaker, presenter, and guest lecturer at various universities over the years.

Grant Andrew Stefanson was called to the Manitoba bar in 1993. Stefanson joined MLT Aikins LLP in 2017 as a partner. Stefanson practises in the areas of commercial litigation, business law, employment law and aboriginal law. Stefanson is recognized by Lexpert as a leading practitioner in the area of commercial litigation. Stefanson is an expert in the area of pharmacy law and was recognized by Pharmacists Manitoba in 2019 with the Ruban Insurance Friend of Pharmacy Award. Stefanson has been a member of the discipline committee of the Law Society since 2013. Stefanson acts as a coach for Robson Hall teams participating in the Hockey Arbitration Competition of Canada. Stefanson is a board member of Manitoba Public Insurance and chair of the governance and HR committee.

Christine Ria Van Cauwenberghe is the head of financial planning at IG Wealth Management. She graduated from the University of Manitoba with a bachelor of commerce (Hons.) and a bachelor of laws. She was called to the Manitoba bar in 1995. She articulated and practised tax law at Thompson Dorfman Sweatman until joining IG Wealth Management in 2001. Her primary area of practice is personal tax and estate planning, including trusts, disability planning, charitable giving and family property. She is also a trust and estate practitioner and a certified financial planner. In 2018, Van Cauwenberghe received a founder's award from the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, an international organization headquartered in London, England. She is also the author of *Wealth Planning Strategies for Canadians* (17th edition) an annual reference guide for lawyers, accountants and financial planners who practise in the area of tax and estate planning.

Michael A. Conner was called to the Manitoba bar in 1997. Conner is the assistant deputy attorney general in Manitoba Justice. As general counsel from 2013 and then as head of the constitutional law section in 2021, Conner provided leadership and fostered a culture of professionalism, competence and high ethical standards. He has broad experience and knowledge of constitutional, criminal, civil and Aboriginal justice issues. He sat on the Manitoba government's interdepartmental working group on Crown-Aboriginal consultation and in 2014, was appointed by the justice minister to the Manitoba Court of King's Bench statutory rules committee. Conner taught remedies as a sessional lecturer at Robson Hall and has presented at the Law Society of Manitoba, Manitoba Bar Association and Pitblado Lectures. He is a past co-chair of the constitutional and human rights law section of the Manitoba Bar Association. Conner began his career clerking at the Supreme Court of Canada and received a master of law from the University of Cambridge. Conner is a member of the Manitoba Access to Justice Steering Committee and serves on the board of directors of Habitat for Humanity Manitoba.

David Earl Swayze was called to the Manitoba bar in 1998. Swayze has been a partner with Meighen Haddad LLP since 2002 and previously an associate from 1998-2002. His areas of practice include labour and employment law, administrative law, human rights law, civil litigation, intellectual property law, and privacy law. Swayze was president of the Law Society of Manitoba from 2013 to 2014 and Manitoba's representative to the Federation of Law Societies of Canada from 2014 to 2020. He has been a member of the investment committee and discipline committee of the Law Society of Manitoba since 2014. Swayze was chair of the standing committee on the model code of professional conduct for the Federation of Law Societies of Canada from 2018 to 2021.

Sarah Ann Inness was called to the Manitoba bar in 1999. Inness has been a partner at Campbell Gunn Inness Seib since 2007. Inness has been a sessional instructor in the faculty of law at the University of Manitoba in the subjects of criminal law and procedure (2015 to 2017) and introduction to advocacy (2017 to present). Inness received the Criminal Defence Lawyers Association of Manitoba merit award in 2020. In June 2022, Inness participated as a host in a podcast for the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice. Inness has been a member of the Faculty of the National Criminal Law program since July 2022.

Lisa Junio Stiver was called to the Manitoba bar in 1999. Stiver is with the firm of Thompson Dorfman Sweatman. Stiver practises in corporate and commercial law, with particular emphasis on commercial real property conveyancing, leasing and financing, and public procurement law. Stiver acts for a diverse list of lenders across Canada in secured lender financing transactions for Manitoba-based owners. Stiver is chair of the TDS management committee, after serving as a member from 2017 to the present, as well as chair of the firm's business law practice group and has been on the firm's student committee since 2008. Stiver received Lexpert's leading lawyers under 40 award in 2011.

Rekha Nadine Malaviya was called to the Manitoba bar in 2001. Malaviya is general counsel with Manitoba Justice and was previously senior crown attorney at appeal unit, Manitoba Justice from 2011 to 2019. Since 2015, Malaviya has been responsible for the oversight and administration of the appeal unit and its staff. For the past several years, Malaviya has been a course instructor with the Faculty of Criminal Justice at the University of Winnipeg. She develops and presents a required second-year university course and a fourth-year honours course in advanced criminal law. Malaviya is a member-at-large of the judicial/profession liaison committee, Court of King's Bench and a moderator/contributor of the CKD support group.

Priscilla Sternat-Mclvor was called to the Manitoba bar in 2002. Sternat-Mclvor is one of two founding partners of Sternat Manaire Law Corporation, one of the few Aboriginal law firms in Manitoba. Sternat-Mclvor is Ojibway from the Sandy Bay First Nation. Sternat-Mclvor has more than 20 years of legal experience and her areas of practice are family law, wills and estates, child protection and real estate. Sternat-Mclvor volunteers as a board member with Neechwam Inc., Ikwe Widdjitiwin and CommUnity 204.

Sofia Mirza was called to the Manitoba bar in 2004. She is a partner with Fillmore Riley LLP. As a first-year associate, Mirza developed the immigration law department at Fillmore Riley and also created its professional sports and entertainment niche more recently, growing the business from representation of two professional sports clubs in 2019 to over twenty clubs, as well as three professional sports leagues, by 2021. Mirza has received several awards in science, communications, karate, music and law, all of which she has represented at a national level, including as a member of Team Canada in Panama for karate, bringing home a silver and bronze medal for Canada in 2018. Mirza was voted by her peers as lawyer of the year in 2022 for immigration law, by Best Lawyers and was honoured with a Canadian Bar Association immigration law section appreciation award in 2020 for her contributions to the sections professional development opportunities. Mirza was also recently appointed to the Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Authority of Manitoba and serves on the United Way of Winnipeg board and its governance committee. She also serves on the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce board and its governance committee, which presented her with the director of the year award for her outstanding volunteer contribution in 2021-22.