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LEGAL AID SOCIETY
APPOINTMENTS MADE- - -
Doug Yard New
Board Chairman

Attorney-General Roland Penner has announced the appointment of eight new members of the board of directors of the Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba.

Doug Yard, a lawyer at the Winnipeg law firm of Walsh, Yard, Gutkin and Tadman, has been named chairman. He succeeds Norman Larsen who resigned February 1, 1983.

Four of the appointments were nominees of the Law Society of Manitoba in accordance with the terms of the Legal Aid Services Society Act. They are:

- . Aaron Berg, a Neepawa lawyer with the firm of Bass & Berg.
 - . Len Lucas, a lawyer with the Winnipeg law firm of Newman, MacLean.
 - . Rod E. Stephenson, a lawyer with the Winnipeg law firm of Aikins, MacAulay and Thorvaldson.
 - . Randy McNicol, a lawyer with the Winnipeg law firm of Filmore, Riley.
- Also appointed to the board are:
- . Vicki Francis, of Brunkild, a high school drama teacher.
 - . Audreen Hourie, who is employed with the Manitoba Metis Federation in the Department of Community Consultations which deals with constitutional matters.
 - . Nels Thibault, a long-time labor representative, and immediate past president of the Manitoba Federation of Labor, now retired.

Re-appointed to the board are:

- . Rose Cuddy, a Manitoba human rights officer and former employee of Legal Aid, where she worked as a paralegal.
- . Judy Cook-Hannibal, co-ordinator of volunteers at Klinik, a community-based health facility.
- . Robb Tonn, a lawyer with the Winnipeg firm of Skwark, Myers, Baizley and Weinstein.

Mr. Penner noted that the new chairman received his B.A. in 1971, and his LL.B. in 1974 from the University of Manitoba. He was called to the Manitoba Bar in 1975.

Mr. Yard has been a partner in the law firm of Walsh, Yard, Gutkin and Tadman since 1976. He practises primarily in litigation, with emphasis on family, juvenile and criminal matters.

He has been counsel to the Children's Aid Society of Winnipeg from 1976 to the present. He has been an elected member of the Manitoba Bar Council for five successive terms, and was the chairman of the Legal Aid Liaison Committee of the Manitoba Bar Association from 1979 to 1982. Mr. Yard is currently a supervisor of the Intensive Family Law Program at the University of Manitoba. Mr. Penner noted that almost 50 per cent of the work of Legal Aid is in the family law field and that he expected Mr. Yard's experience in this area would be an important asset to Legal Aid.