
**QUEEN'S COUNSEL
APPOINTMENTS**

David Asper – Asper attended law school at the California Western School of Law in San Diego. Following this, he returned to Manitoba to complete his articles and entered into practice as a criminal defence attorney with Wolch Pinx Tapper Scurfield. Asper then joined his family's business, Canwest Global Communications Corporation. After 15 years in the media business, he completed his master of laws (L.L.M.) at the University of Toronto and began teaching at Robson Hall at the University of Manitoba. He currently owns the Sensible Capital Corporation, a private equity investment business. Asper's philanthropic endeavours are vast, particularly through his involvement as the chair of the Asper Foundation. He is also a member of the Winnipeg Football Club Hall of Fame.

James A. Ferguson – Ferguson is currently a senior partner of MLT Aikins LLP, and has practiced corporate and commercial law for 39 years, providing leadership and dedication to his law firm, the profession and the community. Ferguson's volunteer experience has included the following: chair and director of the Pan Am Clinic Foundation, co-chair for Foundations for Health (Joint Children's Hospital of Winnipeg Research Foundation, Health Sciences Centre Foundation and John Buhler Research Centre) as well as the chair and honorary director of the Health Sciences Centre Foundation.

David C. Filmon – Filmon is currently the chair and senior partner of MLT Aikins LLP, and has acted as a trusted advisor to many of Manitoba's most important businesses in the area of mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and securities law throughout Canada including as lead counsel on hundreds of transactions. Filmon's volunteer experience has included the following: chair and director of St. Paul's High School, director of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet as well as the director of the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

Irvin (Issie) Frost – Frost has dedicated over 40 years of legal expertise and counsel regarding First Nation resource development, child welfare, disability and justice matters in the province of Manitoba. He was appointed administrator at both the Southern First Nations Network of Care as well as the First Nations of Northern Manitoba Child and Family Services Authority. Frost was also appointed to the advisory council for the Child Care Commission in 2016, and currently is a panel chair of the Adult Abuse Registry Review Committee. Frost's dedication to the public service earned him the Premier's Career Achievement Award in 2014 and he currently serves as general counsel to the Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth.

William S. Gardner – Gardner is a partner at Pitblado LLP and is the head of the firm’s labour and employment, and health care practice areas. Gardner is also the chair of the Manitoba Employers Council and co-chair of the management caucus of the Labour Management Review Committee. In terms of community involvement, Gardner has been involved in the following: member of the executive and vice-chair of the Health Sciences Centre Foundation as well as the secretary and member of the executive of the Winnipeg Women’s High School Hockey League.

Jeffrey J. Gindin – Gindin has spent the last 48 years practicing as a criminal defence attorney. He is currently the senior partner of Gindin Wolson Simmonds Roitenberg. He has appeared in all courts of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Ontario and British Columbia as well as the Supreme Court of Canada. In 2017, Gindin was bestowed the Award of Merit by the Criminal Defence Lawyers Association of Manitoba for excellence in the practice of criminal defence law in the province. In addition, he has taught at the University of Manitoba faculty of law for many years and he has lectured at the Law Society of Manitoba.

Irene A. Hamilton – Hamilton received her law degree from the University of Manitoba and was called to the bar in 1980. Hamilton’s career has been extremely diverse and successful – she has been a practicing lawyer, an executive with the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission, the public trustee for Manitoba, the ombudsman for Manitoba, the assistant deputy minister of the Courts Division of Manitoba as well as the assistant deputy attorney general for the Civil Law Division of Manitoba Justice. Hamilton has as served as the president of the Law Society of Manitoba and continues to serve the Law Society and Legal Aid Manitoba. Hamilton has served the community in many ways, including her involvement with the Public Utilities Board of Manitoba, the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba and the United Way of Winnipeg.

Peter E. C. Kingsley – Kingsley attended the University of Manitoba and received his law degree in 1994. The vast majority of Kingsley’s career has been with Legal Aid Manitoba, practicing primarily in the area of criminal law. He is currently the senior area director of Legal Aid Manitoba and has held that position since 2011. In terms of community involvement, Kingsley has contributed as a member of the selection committee and an educator for Habitat for Humanity, and as president of the board member for the Behavioural Health Foundation.

Patricia C. Lane – Lane is a partner at Taylor McCaffrey LLP and has been with the firm since 1983. Lane started her career as a civil litigator, but soon began to practice family law on an almost exclusive basis. Her collaborative law skills and abilities have made a positive impact on the practice of family law in both Winnipeg and Manitoba at large. Lane has been a positive role model and mentor for women lawyers, both inside Taylor McCaffrey as well as through her involvement in the Women Lawyers Forum. Lane has also shared her time and skills with the students and members of the Manitoba Bar in various capacities, including as a teacher, a presenter and by organizing educational opportunities.

Carmelee N. Peter – Peter attended the University of Manitoba and received her law degree in 1989. She practiced executively for Aikins, MacAulay and Thorvaldson LLP (predecessor to MLT Aikins LLP). During her 23-year legal career, she practiced in the areas of taxation law and corporate commercial law, representing both private and public entities and acted in a number of significant transactions. She served as the chair of the firm from 2003 to 2009, and was the chair of the Tax Department from 2005 to 2012. In 2012, Peter left Aikins, MacAulay and Thorvaldson LLP to join Exchange Income Corporation, where she continues her career. She has also previously devoted her time to a number of community and philanthropic organizations including director of the Manitoba Civil Service Superannuation Board, director of the Versatech Charitable Foundation, director of the Winnipeg Humane Society and a member of the United Way Planned Giving Committee.

Lori Ferguson Sain – Sain recently retired as general counsel and vice-president of compliance and corporate services at the Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba, where she was employed since 1993. She is now in private practice. Sain has been involved in a number of professional organizations including vice-chair and board of directors of the Manitoba Law Foundation Inc. and a member of the discipline committee of the Law Society of Manitoba. Sain has also been a guest speaker at the University of Manitoba's faculty of law on issues related to workers compensation law and corporate governance, and has lectured at Continuing Legal Education programs sponsored by the Manitoba Bar Association.

Amanda Sansregret – Sansregret has exclusively practiced as a criminal defence attorney for 27 years. Sansregret began her practice in the private sector, and then became counsel for Legal Aid Manitoba in 2001. In 2010, she was designated as General Counsel for Legal Aid Manitoba and currently provides guidance and advice to counsel both at Legal Aid and in private practice. Sansregret has appeared numerous times in the Manitoba Court of Appeal and in the Supreme Court of Canada. She has been involved in a number of professional organizations, including: Committee Member for the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice; Jury Representation in Canada, and a Board Member at the Behavioural Health Foundation.

Saul B. Simmonds – Simmonds attended the University of Manitoba and received his law degree in 1980. He has exclusively practiced as a criminal defence attorney for 39 years. Simmonds is the founding partner of Gindin Wolson Simmonds (now Gindin Wolson Simmonds Roitenberg). Simmonds has also shared his time and skills with the students and members of the Manitoba Bar in various capacities including as a teacher, a presenter and by organizing educational opportunities.

Jacqueline A. St. Hill – St. Hill is a career prosecutor with Manitoba Prosecution Service with extensive legal knowledge, and trial and case management experience. Within Manitoba Justice, she is a senior lawyer who has committed her career to the ongoing learning, coaching and mentoring of Manitoba Prosecutions' lawyers. St. Hill has also been involved in a number of professional and philanthropic organizations including: member of the board of directors of A&O: Support Services for Older Adults, chair of the Winnipeg Public Library Board, member of the Cultural Awareness Workshop Oversight Committee for the Congress of Black Women of Canada as well as an elected member of the Manitoba Bar Association Council.

Richard L. Yaffe – Yaffe is a partner with MLT Aikins LLP and practices in the area of securities law. He is nationally and internationally recognized for his expertise on the use of Manitoba limited partnerships in structuring commercial transactions. Within the community, Yaffe is recognized as a noteworthy leader in many organizations including chair of the Winnipeg Art Gallery (W.A.G.) Foundation Inc., chair of the W.A.G.'s Inuit Art Centre Legacy Campaign, incoming chair of the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba, member of the board of directors of the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre and national board member of the Canadian Friends of the Israel Museum. He is a senior sessional instructor in negotiations at the University of Manitoba faculty of law.