

THE HONOURABLE HOLLY C. BEARD

Justice Holly Beard was raised in Thompson, Manitoba. Following graduation from high school, she attended the University of Manitoba for her post-secondary education. She took her pre-law at the Faculty of Commerce, in the accounting program, before being accepted to the Faculty of Law. Justice Beard graduated from the Faculty of Law in 1977 and was called to the Manitoba Bar in 1978. She articulated with, and later became a partner in, the law firm of Bancroft, Whidden, Mayer and Buzza in Thompson, Manitoba. Justice Beard maintained a general practice, working in the areas of criminal, corporate and commercial, civil and family law. She travelled extensively throughout Northern Manitoba doing Legal Aid certificate work in circuit courts. She gained experience in municipal law while serving as a councillor for the City of Thompson for two terms. Justice Beard was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1990. In addition, she was a bencher with the Law Society of Manitoba, a member of the board of directors of the Manitoba Telephone System and a member of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal. In 1992, Justice Beard was appointed to the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench, General Division, and she was appointed to the Manitoba Court of Appeal in 2009.