

THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE FREDA M. STEEL

Madam Justice Freda M. Steel was appointed to the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench in 1995 and to the Manitoba Court of Appeal in 2000. She received her LL.B. from the University of Manitoba Law School and her LL.M. from Harvard Law School. She was called to the Bar of Manitoba in 1976 and in Ontario in 1980. She was a professor of law at the University of Ottawa, a professor and Associate Dean at the Manitoba Faculty of Law and Director of Professional Education for the Law Society of Manitoba. She was involved in a variety of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, including adjudication under the Human Rights Act, as well as consensual arbitration, arbitration under the Manitoba Labour Relations Act and arbitration under the Canada Labour Code. Since her appointment, she has been extensively involved in legal and judicial education with the Law Society, the Canadian Bar Association and the National Judicial Institute, both nationally and internationally. She was a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Chapter of the International Association of Women Judges and a member of the Canadian Judicial Council Committee on Judicial Education. She is a member of the Research Advisory Committee for Resolve Manitoba's Project, "Caught in the Middle – Children's involvement in the Court process as it relates to intimate partner violence and a member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba. She is a recipient of the Canadian Bar Association Cecilia Johnstone Award in recognition of outstanding contributions to the advancement of women in the legal profession, the Distinguished Service Award from the Manitoba Bar Association for service to the legal profession and the Isabel Ross (MacLean) Hunt Award.