



**The Honourable Richard J. Chartier
Chief Justice of Manitoba**

Following the retirement of the [Honourable Richard Jamieson Scott](#) as Chief Justice of Manitoba on March 1, 2013, the Honourable Richard J. Chartier, a judge of the Manitoba Court of Appeal has been appointed the new Chief Justice of Manitoba.

Mr. Justice Chartier was appointed to the Court of Appeal in 2006. Prior thereto, he served as a judge of the Provincial Court from 1993 to 2006 and developed an expertise in criminal and family litigation. As a member of that court, he served on the Management Committee and chaired both the Rules Committee and the Case Flow Management Committee.

Justice Chartier completed a Bachelor of Arts from the Université de Saint-Boniface in 1979 and a Bachelor of Laws from the Université de Moncton in 1982. Following his call to the Bar of Manitoba in 1983, he practiced with Aikins MacAulay & Thorvaldson where his main areas of practice were corporate and commercial law. During this period, he also served as Deputy Judge at the Stony Mountain Federal Penitentiary, Deputy Chief Commissioner for the Residential Tenancies Commission and Expropriation Inquiry Officer for the Province of Manitoba.

In 1998, Justice Chartier was asked to review French language services in Manitoba. His report entitled "Above All, Common Sense" was tabled in the Legislative Assembly. In 2005, he received the Gold Medal for Innovative Management from the Canadian Institute of Public Administrators for his work on the Domestic Violence Front-End Project and in 2006, he received the United Nations Public Service Award for that same project. In 2012, he was appointed Chair of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Manitoba. Justice Chartier has also been actively involved in various community organizations including the St. Boniface Primary Health Care Centre, the Taché Centre, the Foyer Valade and was Vice-Chair of the St. Boniface General Hospital.

The Chief Justice of Manitoba heads the Manitoba Court of Appeal which is composed of a total of eight judges. The Court normally sits in panels comprised of three judges which constitute a quorum but occasionally, on matters of great importance will sit with a panel of five judges. The Court hears appeals from the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench and the Provincial Court of Manitoba. In addition, in limited circumstances and as mandated by statute, the Court also hears appeals from professional bodies and some government boards and tribunals, usually when a point of law or jurisdiction is involved.