

## **THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE WILLIAM J. BURNETT**

Justice Burnett was appointed to the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench in 2009 and became Associate Chief Justice of that Court in 2011. He was appointed to the Court of Appeal for Manitoba in 2013. Justice Burnett was educated at the University of Manitoba (LLB) and was called to the Manitoba Bar in 1978. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1994. Justice Burnett was a student, associate and partner in the Winnipeg law firm of Thompson Dorfman Sweatman LLP. He practised law for more than 32 years, primarily in the area of civil litigation. During that time, Justice Burnett represented numerous clients, including various Crown corporations and the Governments of Manitoba and Canada. Justice Burnett played an essential role in the establishment of the Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretative Centre. The Centre is located in the Oak Hammock Marsh near Stonewall, Manitoba and is a designated wetland of international importance for wildlife and people. Prior to his judicial appointments, Justice Burnett served as honorary solicitor and/or director of a number of community organization and charities, including the United Way of Winnipeg and Agape Table. Justice Burnett is married, has two accomplished daughters and three amazing grandsons.