

Justice James Edmond

Justice Edmond was appointed to the Manitoba Court of King's Bench (General Division) on October 1, 2013. He was appointed to the Manitoba Court of Appeal on August 24, 2023. Prior to his appointments, he practiced for 31 years with the law firm of Thompson Dorfman Sweatman *LLP* in the areas of civil litigation and construction law, specializing in insurance and construction litigation. He acted as counsel on a variety of commercial litigation matters and appeared in Courts in Manitoba and across Canada.

Justice Edmond was the Co-chair of the TDS Litigation Practice Group and Chair Emeritus and Member of the Lex Mundi Insurance/Reinsurance Practice Group. Lex Mundi is an International Association of law firms. He was selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in Canada in the specialties of Insurance and Construction Law over a number of years before he was appointed to the Bench and recognized as the "2014 Lawyer of the Year in Winnipeg for Construction Law".

Since being appointed, he presided over cases in criminal, constitutional and civil law. This has encompassed jury and judge-alone trials, *Charter* applications, summary conviction appeals, civil trials and motions, commercial bankruptcy and insolvency applications, judicial review, pre-trial and case management conferences and judicially assisted dispute resolution hearings (mediations). He sat on the Commercial List which presides over commercial bankruptcy and Insolvency matters and has been seized of many commercial receivership proceedings, including: the Nygard International Partnership receivership proceedings. He is a member of the National BIA/CCAA group of judges formed to address current bankruptcy and insolvency matters across Canada.

Justice Edmond acted as the supervising judge for Manitoba pursuant to the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement and has heard a number of applications in that capacity.

Justice Edmond was elected by his colleagues to act as the Manitoba director of the Canadian Superior Court Judges Association, which represents superior court judges across Canada. He was Chair of the Statutory Rules Committee, a joint committee of the bench and bar responsible for all amendments to the Court of King's Bench Rules. He will continue to sit on that committee on behalf of the Court of Appeal.

He has been a frequent presenter and lecturer for The Law Society of Manitoba and Manitoba Bar Association both as a lawyer and a judge on various issues ranging from workplace safety and health issues, fiduciary duties, builders' liens and construction litigation, bankruptcy and insolvency proceedings, best advocacy practices, oppression remedies, **Limitations of Actions Act** extension applications, civil motions to dismiss for delay, best practices for virtual hearings and best practices for Judicially Assisted Dispute Resolution hearings (mediations). He was the co-chair of the 2020 Pitblado Lectures entitled: "Virtually Everything you Need to Know about Advocacy". He was a presenter on a panel in February, 2023 at a seminar for the National Judicial Institute on current Bankruptcy and Insolvency issues entitled "Law and Order: Insolvencies" - Case Studies.