

Justice David J. Kroft

Justice Kroft was appointed to the Manitoba Court of Appeal in August, 2023 having served on the Court of King's Bench (General Division) since October, 2016. While serving on the King's Bench, he chaired the court's Commercial Judges and Model Order Committees and served on the Civil Practices Committee. He currently sits as a council member of the Canadian Superior Courts Judge's Association, as chair of the National Judicial Institute's Insolvency Law planning committee, and on the Editorial Board for the Annual Review of Insolvency Law.

For more than 25 years, Justice Kroft practiced at Fillmore Riley LLP in the areas of commercial litigation, bankruptcy, insolvency, restructuring and banking litigation. He was a long-time member of the firm's management team. He was recognized by L'Expert, Best Lawyers, and Benchmark Litigation. Both as a lawyer and judge, Justice Kroft has been a frequent presenter on topics concerning insolvency and litigation more generally and a contributor to the Law Society of Manitoba's Bar Admission Course. He chairs the Law Society's A. Montague Israels Prize Committee. Justice Kroft has been the recipient of the Manitoba Bar Association's Community Service Award and the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg's Harry Silverberg Young Leadership Award.

Justice Kroft is a past chair of the Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Restructuring sub-section of the Manitoba Bar Association, a life Bencher of the Law Society of Manitoba, a life council member of the Manitoba Bar Association, and a past member of the board of the Manitoba Law Foundation. Beyond the legal profession, he has served on many community boards including as president of the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg and Jocelyn House Inc. (a hospice for the terminally ill) and as board and executive member of the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) and the Saul and Claribel Simkin Centre (a personal care home for seniors). Currently, Justice Kroft sits on the executive of The Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre.