## **Justice Janice L. leMaistre**

Justice leMaistre was appointed to the Manitoba Court of Appeal on June 19, 2015.

Justice leMaistre attended the University of Manitoba where she received a Bachelor of Arts (1988) and a Bachelor of Laws (1991). She was admitted to the Manitoba Bar in 1992 and worked at Manitoba Justice for 14 years, primarily in the areas of intimate partner violence and child abuse.

In 2006, Justice leMaistre was appointed to the Provincial Court of Manitoba and in 2009 she was appointed an Associate Chief Judge of that Court.

As a lawyer, Justice leMaistre became actively involved in legal education. Since becoming a judge, she has continued her involvement by developing and presenting at educational programs, including programs focussed on intimate partner violence, courtroom skills and the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. She also coedited a book entitled *What's Law Got To Do With It?: The Law, Specialized Courts and Domestic Violence*.

Throughout her career, Justice leMaistre has participated in the development of a number of key initiatives in the criminal justice system, including the Domestic Violence Front End Project, which won the United Nation's Public Service Award, and the Gold Medal for Innovative Management from the Institute of Public Administration of Canada. In 2005, Justice leMaistre received the Manitoba Service Excellence Award for Leadership.