

CHIEF JUSTICE MARIANNE RIVOALEN

Chief Justice Rivoalen was appointed Chief Justice of Manitoba on May 31, 2023 after having previously served as a judge of the Federal Court of Appeal from September 20, 2018 to May 30, 2023; Associate Chief Justice of the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench (Family Division) from May 22, 2015 until September 19, 2018; and a judge of the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench (Family Division) from February 2, 2005 until May 21, 2015.

Born in rural Manitoba, she received a Bachelor of Arts degree (Latin-Philosophy with a concentration in mathematics) from the Université de Saint-Boniface in 1984 and a Bachelor of Laws degree from the Université de Moncton, New Brunswick (common law degree *en français*) in 1988. She was admitted to the Manitoba Bar in 1989.

Prior to her appointment to the Bench, Chief Justice Rivoalen was Senior Counsel and Team Leader with the federal Department of Justice's Aboriginal Law Services Group, where she was responsible for its lawyers in Manitoba handling Indian Residential School Litigation. Before that, from 1988 to 2003, she had a broad litigation and advocacy practice in both official languages with two large Winnipeg law firms. During her time in private practice, she also served as an arbitrator with the Manitoba Labour Board and as a Deputy Chief Commissioner of Manitoba's Residential Tenancies Commission.

Prior to her appointment to the Bench, Chief Justice Rivoalen volunteered on several committees of the Law Society of Manitoba. She was a life council member with the Manitoba Bar Association; president of the Association des juristes d'expression française du Manitoba; a committee member of the Legal Education Action Fund (LEAF) Manitoba Legal Committee; president of the Société Franco-Manitobaine (SFM); president of Pluri-elles (Manitoba) Inc.; vice-president of the Board of Governors of the Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface au Manitoba; a board member of RESEAU des femmes; a board member of the Centre Miriam Center; a board member of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet; a member of the Taché Nursing Centre/Foyer Valade; and a board member of La Caisse Populaire de Saint-Boniface Ltée.

Chief Justice Rivoalen received the Jurist of Robson Hall Award in 2025; the King Charles III Coronation Medal in 2024; the Manitoba Bar Association Equality Recognition Award in 2003; the *Femme remarquable de l'année 2001* award from La Fédération nationale des femmes canadiennes-françaises in 2001; and the *Prix Réseau* in 2001.