



## THE MANITOBA COURT OF APPEAL

### MEDIA NOTICE

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The Manitoba Court of Appeal (MBCA) has issued its first-ever Annual Report. It is for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

“A few years ago, I asked the Minister of Justice of Manitoba to amend our act to include a requirement that we prepare an annual report about the operation, functioning and administration of our court,” said Chief Justice Richard Chartier. “Our court, like the two trial courts, believes in accountability and transparency, which, of course, has to be balanced with the principle of judicial independence.”

Accountability and information sharing are two important elements that foster public understanding and confidence in the administration of justice. The purpose of this Annual Report is to discharge the court’s public accountability responsibilities in order to maintain public confidence in the court system. It also serves as a communication tool for providing broader information on the activities of the court.

The MBCA is the highest court in Manitoba. For most Manitobans, the MBCA will be the court of final review given that the Supreme Court of Canada has historically heard but one case from our province per year. As an appeal court, the MBCA reviews decisions from the trial courts and certain administrative tribunals for any errors. It also has a law-setting role by changing or clarifying the law and setting precedent for lower courts to follow.

The 2019/2020 MBCA Report can be read at [First Annual Report of The Manitoba Court of Appeal, 2019-2020](#)

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