

Biographical Information:

I practice law with Scott & Beaven Law Office in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. My focus is on criminal defence and I have represented accused at all levels of court in Saskatchewan. I grew up between Fort Nelson, BC, Wollaston Lake, SK, and La Ronge, SK. I completed my undergraduate degree at the Northern Professional Access College in La Ronge, and convocated with a 3 year Bachelor of Arts with a major in Native Studies from the University of Saskatchewan in 2006. I then moved to Saskatoon and completed my Bachelor of Laws in 2009. Following articles with Legal Aid Saskatchewan in Prince Albert I accepted a permanent position with Legal Aid in Meadow Lake. I left the employ of Legal Aid in March of 2012 and joined (then) Scott Law Office in Saskatoon, eventually partnering with Maya and James Scott. In my summers off from university and in my early years of practice I worked as a bush pilot in Northern Manitoba flying twin engine and float equipped aircraft. Since 2014 I have used my private aircraft regularly to fly to court in remote locations. In March of 2018 I was appointed as a Part Time Member of the Transportation Appeal Tribunal of Canada, by Order of the Governor-in-Council. I hold the rank of Major in the Canadian Armed Forces working with the Canadian Cadet Organization and I am involved in the Air Cadet flying program both as a glider pilot and a tow plane pilot. In our spare time I and my spouse Sarah and our dog Sophie enjoy traveling, antiques, and bicycle riding.

Reasons for seeking office:

While I have been a member of the Law Society for eight years, it was not until recently that I considered how I might contribute to the profession as a whole. Reviewing the role of Bencher has caused me to examine what skills and experience I possess that might be of benefit to the Law Society. While my office is located in Saskatoon I practice all over the province, with an emphasis on remote court points. I have an insight into how the justice system works in northern and rural centres. My military experience provides me with a background in regulations and codes of conduct and their application to individuals in various roles and circumstances. My experience as a decision maker on an administrative tribunal provides me with an understanding of procedural fairness and natural justice. Having represented thousands of individual clients in the criminal context gives me an appreciation for the importance of managing client expectations and instructions, and the difficulties that can arise from those relationships. Lastly, I am a strong believer in professional development, not only of oneself but of the profession as a whole. I believe that serving as a Bencher will allow me to better myself as a lawyer, as I learn about the way other members practice and the challenges they face.