

Biography – William Lane

William Lane practices in Regina with McDougall Gauley LLP. He maintains a civil litigation practice, focusing primarily on commercial litigation, construction disputes, and regulatory proceedings.

Born and raised in Regina, William received his BA (Hons), with High Honours, in Political Studies and JD (Great Distinction) from the University of Saskatchewan in 2014. After graduating, William clerked at the Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan. Following the completion of his clerkship, William attended the University of Chicago, where he obtained a LLM in 2016. Upon finishing his LLM, William returned to Regina and joined McDougall Gauley.

During law school, William served as Editor and subsequently, Managing Editor, of the *Saskatchewan Law Review*, and as a teaching assistant for the Legal Research and Writing course. William also received several academic awards, including the College of Law Academic Excellence Scholarship, and course prizes in Company Law and Contract Law.

Outside of his practice, William enjoys playing basketball, reading, and spending time with his family.

Reasons for Running for New Lawyer Benchers

In 2015, *Precedent Magazine* published an article entitled “Why the Law Society needs Younger Benchers”. The author noted that in respect of the issues currently being dealt with by Law Societies “the profession needs more young, progressive voices leading the way” and “we’re going to get the best decisions in Convocation when we have the most diverse group of people”. This remains true, and has particular resonance in respect of the Law Society’s regulatory direction and policy decisions in matters that disproportionately affect new lawyers, like admissions and education, revisions to the CPLED program, and the future of legal resources. On these—and other—issues, unique and dissimilar perspectives amongst the Benchers are invaluable to arriving at decisions that are in the best interests of the public. Through my experience in private practice, clerking for the Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan, my LLM studies in the United States, BA and JD studies in Canada, and having served as a teaching assistant and Managing Editor of the *Saskatchewan Law Review*, I can bring a distinctive perspective to the work of the Law Society.