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Called to the Bar: 2003

After graduating from Law School at the University of Saskatchewan in 1999, I was hired as the legal analyst at the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board in Regina. During that time, I also represented SGEU workers in long-term disability arbitration hearings. In 2002-03, I articulated with the Federal Department of Justice in Saskatoon and was hired as a civil litigator in the Indian Residential School claims area. During my time with the Department I appeared before the Saskatchewan Provincial Court, Bankruptcy Court and the Tax Court of Canada.

In the fall of 2003 I moved to Regina to join the Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice Public Prosecutions as a Crown Prosecutor. I practiced criminal law exclusively until 2017, with a specialty in commercial crimes prosecutions, drinking and driving law and trials conducted in French. For the last year, I have been part of the Constitutional Law Branch of the Ministry of Justice with matters before the Human Rights Commission, and all levels of court in Saskatchewan.

As a bilingual lawyer I advocate in both French and English. I am a member and secretary-treasurer of the Association des juristes d'expression française de la Saskatchewan. One of the Association's goals is ensuring that there are resources for both lawyers and the public when it comes to access to justice in both official languages.

I am also highly involved with volunteering in the community. I judge French and English high school and university level debate and am the Past President of the Saskatchewan Elocution and Debate Association. From 2006 to 2011, I coordinated the Canadian Bar Association Law Day Presentations to high school students in Regina. In 2007, I had the honour of being selected as a non-Bencher member of the Law Society Equity/Diversity Committee. I am also an avid singer, performing in Regina with such groups as the University of Regina Chamber Singers, Opera Saskatchewan, Vivace, the Regina Philharmonic Chorus and most recently with Wascana Voices.

I have always ensured that the rule of law and the public interest are paramount in my practice. My involvement with the youth of our province through debate has included a focus on teaching the importance of individual rights. Access to justice is a significant issue for the profession, which I have seen first-hand through self-represented accused in the criminal justice system. I come from a perspective of balancing those interests and can bring that perspective to the Benchers. The ability to look at matters broadly and strategically, while keeping the public interest and the public perception of the justice system in mind, will serve me well in dealing with some of the important issues that the Law Society faces.

In response to the challenges of our profession, I see unparalleled commitment among our members who strive for higher standards of competence, ethics, professionalism and public service. In order to safeguard our privilege of self-regulation, I believe that we must promptly yet carefully build upon our efforts to better serve all members of the public. I hope as a Bencher to help balance our mandate towards the public while ensuring fairness and meeting the needs of the membership.