



### ***Highlights of recent news and public events from Saskatoon Southeast MLA Don Morgan***

#### **2011 Queen's Counsel appointments**

Sixteen Saskatchewan lawyers were recently honoured with a Queen's Counsel (Q.C.) appointment.

***"These exceptional recipients being honoured with a Queen's Counsel designation have a range of experience and represent the very best of our legal community,"*** Justice Minister and Attorney General Don Morgan said. ***"In recent years there has been a desire to expand the Q.C. honours, which have traditionally focused on barristers, to recognize solicitors, corporate counsel and those who have contributed to the legal profession in the courtroom."***

The 2011 Queen's Counsel appointments are:

- Dr. Sanjeev Anand, Dean of the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan. He was admitted to the bar in 1994.
- Ronald Balacko, a lawyer with the Rusnak Balacko Kachur & Rusnak law firm in Yorkton. He was admitted to the bar in 1976.
- Alain Gaucher, a lawyer with the MacPherson, Leslie & Tyerman law firm in Saskatoon. He was admitted to the bar in 1980.
- Melvin Gerspacher, a lawyer with the Robertson Stromberg law firm in Saskatoon. He was admitted to the bar in 1979.
- John Gormley, in-house counsel for Rawlco Radio Ltd. He was admitted to the bar in 1993.
- Robert Kirkpatrick, Associate General Counsel at the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan. He was admitted to the bar in 1988.
- Robert Lane, Regional Crown Prosecutor, La Ronge Prosecutions, Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice and Attorney General. He was admitted to the bar in 1980.
- Timothy MacLeod, General Counsel for Saskatchewan Government Insurance. He was admitted to the bar in 1983.
- Mitch McAdam, Director of the Aboriginal law Branch, Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice and Attorney General in Regina. He was admitted to the bar in 1985.
- Rosanne Newman, Legal Director for the Meadow Lake area office, Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission. She was admitted to the bar in 1994.

- Rodney Rath, a lawyer with the Gerrand Rath Johnson law firm in Regina. He was admitted to the bar in 1972.
- Donna Sigmeth, Deputy Director of the Law Society of Saskatchewan. She was admitted to the bar in 1972.
- David Thera, a lawyer with the Mckercher law firm in Regina. He was admitted to the bar in 1987.
- Barry Wilcox, a lawyer with the Wilcox Zuk Chovin law firm in Prince Albert. He was admitted to the bar in 1981.
- Gregory Willows, a lawyer with the Willows Tulloch law firm in Regina. He was admitted to the bar in 1974.
- Craig Zawada, a lawyer with the Wallace Meschishnick Clackson Zawada law firm in Saskatoon. He was admitted to the bar in 1987.

### **Premier Wall to co-chair national working group on health innovation**

At the recent Council of the Federation meetings with Canada's premiers in Victoria, Premier Brad Wall announced that he will co-chair a national working group with PEI Premier Robert Ghiz focusing on innovation within health care across the country.

Over the next six months, the working group will examine how provinces can improve their human resource practices to avoid competing for professionals, how to control costs and how to improve patient care through best practices in clinical and surgical care.

At the Victoria conference Premier outlined his vision for better care, better health and better value with respect to Canada's health care system.

***"We all need to explore innovative approaches, to set bold targets, and to examine new ways of delivering health care for Canadians," Wall said. "Targets and timeframes are needed to change health care and ensure Canadians see real progress and improvements to health care issues that have faced our country for too long."***

### **University of Saskatchewan names new president**

On July 1, 2012 the University of Saskatchewan will have a new president. Ilene Busch-Vishniac will replace Peter MacKinnon, who is retiring after 13 years as president.

Ilene Busch-Vishnias grew up in Fairless, Pennsylvania. She earned masters and doctoral degrees in mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1981 she joined the engineering faculty at the University of Texas and in 1998 she joined Johns Hopkins University as

professor and dean. She is currently provost and academic vice-president at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, a position she has held since 2007.

When asked to characterize her leadership style she responded, *“I would consider myself someone who likes to try and build consensus but I also like to have lots of different perspectives. I’m also adamant that at some point, decisions have to be made and I’m fully prepared to make them and fully prepared to accept responsibility for having made them”*.

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