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Judicial Inquiry Board

Board Members

Ken Mandzuik, Winnipeg^
Michael Legary, Headingley^
Antoine Hacault, Ile Des Chenes¹ (bil)

^ Government Appointment
(1) Alternate member for the lawyer's position

Mandate:

The Judicial Inquiry Board is established to investigate complaints alleging misconduct by Provincial Court judges, judicial justices of the peace, and masters of the Court of Queen's Bench; and to conduct proceedings before the Judicial Council when charges of misconduct are laid.

Authority:

[The Provincial Court Act](#)

Responsibilities:

The committee serves as an appeal board for decisions made by the Chief Judge or Chief Justice, as the case may be, respecting complaints as to the conduct of provincial judges, masters and judicial justices of the peace. Board members review and investigate the complaint and provide a decision in accordance with applicable statutory provisions. A decision of the Board may be to formulate and lay a charge of judicial misconduct to be adjudicated by the Judicial Council.

Membership:

The board shall be composed of the following three members:

- a) A lawyer appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council on the recommendation of the President of the Manitoba Branch of The Canadian Bar Association;
- b) A person who is not a lawyer, judge or retired judge, appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Minister;
- c) A judge of the Court of Queen's Bench designated by the Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench.

No person who is:

- a) A member of the Judicial Council; or
- b) An employee in the civil service as defined in The Civil Service Act; may be a member of the Board.

Length of Terms:

A lay member of the Board shall hold office for a three-year term and may be re-appointed for one further three-year term.

Desirable Expertise:

Familiarity with court processes and the role of judges and judicial officers. Sensitivity to issues of victims, women, Aboriginal persons, litigants and accused.

Board members must:

- Be able to read and comprehend court rules, procedures and be familiar with some legal terminology;
- Adhere to a high degree of confidentiality; and
- Have the ability to make decisions in a fair and unbiased manner.

Time commitment:

Attend 1-2 meetings per year, usually of 1.5 hours duration. There will also be time required in the review of materials filed with the Board and in the preparation of its reasons for decision (average of approximately 2.5 hours). Generally, no oral representations are made to the Board. Board meetings are held in confidence.

Meetings:

Frequency: 1 – 2 Meetings per year.

Duration: Approximately 2.5 hours.

Remuneration:

\$182.00 per half day; \$320.00 per full day.