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Judicial Council / Masters Judicial Council

Board Members

Greg Loader, Winnipeg ^
Susan Boulter, Winnipeg ^

^ Government Appointment

Mandate:

The Judicial Council adjudicates charges laid against Provincial Court Judges by the Judicial Inquiry Board. The Masters Judicial Council adjudicates charges laid against Masters by the Judicial Inquiry Board.

Authority:

The Provincial Court Act
The Court of Queen's Bench Act

Responsibilities:

On receipt of a charge of misconduct, the council will hear the charges and determine if there was misconduct. The council will make a disposition according to the statute provisions.

Membership:

6 Members appointed by LGIC (Chair is selected by the council)

- a) Three persons, each of whom is a judge of the Provincial Court of Alberta, British Columbia or Saskatchewan, or the Territorial Court of Yukon or the Northwest Territories, or another jurisdiction specified by regulation, as designated by the Chief Judge of the person's court;
- b) President of The Law Society of Manitoba, or another member of the Law Society designated by the President;
- c) Two persons who are not lawyers, judges or retired judges, appointed by the LGIC on the recommendation of the Minister.

A member cannot be a current or former member of the Judicial Inquiry Board; and/or an employee in the civil service as defined in The Civil Service Act.

Quorum:

Six (6) members

Length of Terms:

3 years per term, 2 term max (6 year max)

Members may be reappointed, and continue to serve until reappointed, replaced, revoked and/or until the council completes all matters with respect to a particular charge or set of charges against a judge.

Desirable Expertise:

- knowledge of the criminal court process and the role of judges;
- ability to read and comprehend court rules/procedures and be familiar with the legal terminology;
- have a general understanding of the hearing process, e.g. opening statements or witnesses being called;
- must be able to communicate verbally and have the ability to ask questions using open ended, non-judgmental language;
- sensitivity to issues of victims, women, indigenous persons and accused persons;
- be able to read and interpret policies/legislation and how it applies to the case;
- adhere to a high degree of confidentiality; and
- have the ability to make decisions in a fair and unbiased manner;
- have active listening skills;
- use plain language; and/or
- basic technology skill.

Time commitment:

When a charge is laid before the council, significant time is required to hear and adjudicate the charge. Meetings requires can vary in length. Hearing schedules and decision making will typically require two separate meetings that are two hours in length. Members should expect to review materials prior to the hearing.

Meetings:

Frequency: As needed
Location: Winnipeg (Teleconferencing Available)
Duration: Monday – Friday (2 hours)

Remuneration:

Chair: \$182 (half day) & \$320 (full day)
Members: \$182 (half day) & \$320 (full day)