

Frank Lavitt Appointed King's Counsel for Manitoba

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Thompson Dorfman Sweatman LLP (TDS) congratulates **Frank Lavitt** for receiving the Government of Manitoba's designation of King's Counsel (K.C.). This honorary title was given to Frank by the lieutenant-governor in council on August 31, 2023, based on recommendations made by the Justice Minister, on the advice of an advisory council that includes representatives from the judiciary, the legal community, and the public. The appointment recognizes lawyers who have demonstrated outstanding practice, integrity and leadership as a lawyer, and who have fostered excellence in the legal profession.



Frank Lavitt, K.C.

Frank is a partner at TDS who is recognized as a trusted adviser. He is well known and sought out for his proactive, innovative and creative tax, charities, not-for-profits, corporate and commercial, corporate governance, trust and will advice that is considered to be ahead of the curve.

Frank's appointment as King's Counsel is in large part due to his longstanding commitment to the legal and business community. He has taught taxation law for the Law Society of Manitoba, the University of Manitoba Law School, the Asper School of Business, Chartered Professional Accountants of Manitoba, Certified General Accountants, Canadian Tax Foundation, Manitoba Bar Association, Tax Video News and elsewhere in various capacities since 1980. He is currently the Law School's Course Head and Lecturer for its third-year Corporate Tax course. He is also the Asper School of Business former Course Head and Lecturer for its sole tax course. He was also a Governor of the Canadian Tax Foundation and Certified General Accountants Association of Manitoba.

Frank is a strong believer in philanthropy and giving back to the community, serving on boards and committees of numerous cultural, religious and community organizations throughout his career. He is a Founding Director and Honorary Solicitor for the Fannystelle Spiritual Centre Corp. (formerly known as the Winnipeg Library Foundation), Director for the Mount Carmel Clinic Foundation, Director and Chair of Nomination & Governance Committee for the Winnipeg Chinese Cultural & Community Centre, and Director for the Jewish Learning Institute. He is also the Chair of the Audit Committee of the Winnipeg Board of Jewish

Education, Member of the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters Association's Manitoba Tax Committee, Tax Appeals Commission of Manitoba Commissioner, and serves on the Advisory Committee for the Islamic Social Services Association of Manitoba. He was also the tax advisor for the expansion of the Red River North Regional Library.

His service both in the legal profession and in the community has been widely acknowledged. His legal work has been repeatedly recognized by his profession and his peers where he has thrice been the Best Lawyers™ Tax Lawyer of the Year (Winnipeg), receiving the award in 2012, 2016 and 2018. He has also been consistently recognized by his peers as a Best Lawyers™ lawyer in the area of Tax and Trusts (Wills) and is both Judicial and Peer Rated with the highest rating in legal ability and ethical standards by Lexis Nexis Martindale-Hubbell. Frank has also been recognized in his community, receiving the Islamic Social Association Award in 2015, the City of Winnipeg Community Service Award in 2019, and becoming a Sarah Sommer Chai Folk Ensemble Concert Honouree in 2017.

Please join TDS in congratulating Frank on his appointment as King's Counsel.

Learn more about King's Counsel on their website.

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/justice/crown/kingcounsel/index.html>

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