

Kathleen McCandless

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From 2011 to 2013, Kathleen served among a team of lawyers as Associate Commission Counsel to the Commission of Inquiry Surrounding the Circumstances into the Death of Phoenix Sinclair. The inquiry, which looked into the child welfare services delivered to Phoenix and her family, and into Phoenix's death, was one of Manitoba's largest and most complex public inquiries.

Kathleen obtained her Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Manitoba in 2006, where she was awarded the University Gold Medal for the highest

Practice Areas

- Business Construction Litigation
- Insurance Corporate and Commercial Litigation
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution Estate Litigation
- Administrative Proceedings Insurance Litigation
- Bankruptcy and Insolvency Litigation Personal Injury
- Civil Litigation Professional Governance and Regulation

Industries

- Construction



standing in the Bachelor of Laws program. She was also the recipient of several awards for performance in advocacy courses.

Kathleen has been a member of the Manitoba Bar Association Council since 2011, and has also served on the Executive Committee of The Laurel Centre Inc., a not-for-profit organization providing counseling to survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

Education

LL.B., University of Manitoba, 2006

B.A., University of Winnipeg, 1999

Representative work

R. v. Hendry, 2009 MBQB 256

McDiarmid Lumber v. Gallant et al, 2008 MBQB 110

Memberships and Associations

Canadian Bar Association

Manitoba Bar Association

Publications and Appearances

Featured in CBA National Magazine, “In the public interest: Manitoba’s culture of pro bono work”, June 9, 2020

Author, “An overview of E-discovery”, Manitoba Insurance Broker Magazine, Spring 2015

Honours and Awards

Manitoba Bar Association / Public Interest Law Centre, Pro Bono Award Co-Recipient (with Andrew Buck and David Silver), 2019

University Gold Medal, Bachelor of Laws Program, University of Manitoba, 2006

Dean’s Honour List, Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba, 2004 – 2006

D’Arcy McCaffrey, Q.C. Memorial Award for Advocacy, Faculty of Law, 2006

Manitoba Bar Association Solomon Greenberg Prize in Advocacy, 2005

A.J. Christie Prize in Advocacy, Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba, 2005

Community

Council Member, Manitoba Bar Association, 2011 – Present

Board of Directors, The Laurel Centre Inc., Member 2007 – 2013, 2014, Chair 2016 – Present

Fundraising Committee, Legal Help Centre, 2010 – 2011

Manitoba Bar Association Midwinter Planning Committee, 2009 – 2010