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***Masters Appointment Committee (Queen's Bench Masters)***

**Government Appointed Board Members:**

Monique Gillan, Lakeside (bil.)  
John Morris, Winnipeg

**Mandate:**

The Masters Appointment Committee is responsible for the selection of judicial officers appointed to the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench pursuant to *The Court of Queen's Bench Act* with jurisdiction prescribed by legislation, including the Queen's Bench Rules.

**Authority:**

The Courts Modernization Act

**Responsibilities:**

The committee meets annually to review applications that have been received and evaluate candidates who have applied to serve as a master. The committee maintains an ongoing list of candidates whom the committee has determined are qualified for appointment as master.

The MAC must make information publicly available about the process by which persons may apply for appointment as a master and accept applications on an ongoing basis from persons seeking appointment as a master and must establish criteria for the evaluation of candidates. The committee may conduct interviews and make any inquiries that it considers advisable in order to evaluate a candidate. The committee must make efforts to ensure that the pool of candidates reflects the diversity of Manitoba.

The Lieutenant Governor in Council may only appoint a Master of the Court of Queen's Bench from a list of qualified candidates recommended for appointment by a MAC.

**Membership:**

- Chief Justice, or a judge designated by the Chief Justice, who is the chair of the committee;
- Three (3) persons, who are not lawyers, judges or retired judges, appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council;
- senior master;
- president of the Law Society of Manitoba, or a member of the Law Society designated by the president;
- president of the Manitoba Branch of the Canadian Bar Association, or a member of the Manitoba Branch of the Canadian Bar Association designated by the president.

**Masters Appointment Committee (Queen's Bench Masters)****Quorum:**

Three (3) Members

**Length of Terms:**

Up to 3 year term, 2 term max (6 Year Max)

**Board members:**

- Must be able to communicate verbally and have the ability to ask questions using open ended, non-judgmental language
- Have active listening skills
- Be able to read and interpret legislation and how it applies to the case
- Use plain language
- Adhere to a high degree of confidentiality
- Have the ability to make decisions in a fair and unbiased manner.
- Basic Technology Skills

**Time Commitment:**

Insert vital time commitment requirements needed by boards members not captured under meetings section.

**Meetings:**

Location: TBD  
Frequency: Annually

**Remuneration:**

No remuneration