
Presenter Profile

Justice Joan MacPhail, *Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench (Family Division)*

Justice MacPhail was appointed a Judge of the Family Division of the Court of Queen's Bench of Manitoba on January 22, 2009.

For some 20 years prior to her appointment to the Bench, Justice MacPhail was the Director of the then Family Law Branch of the Manitoba Department of Justice. She was the provincial co-chair (policy) of CCSO - Family Justice, the standing committee of federal/provincial/territorial officials that reports to Canada's Deputy Ministers of Justice on family law matters. Her family law policy development role included a significant amount of work relating to inter-jurisdictional and international family law issues.

While Director of the Family Law Branch, Justice MacPhail served as Manitoba's Central Authority contact pursuant to the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. She was a member of the Canadian delegations to the Third, Fourth and Fifth Special Commissions to Review the Operation of the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and at an experts' meeting respecting transfrontier access held in The Hague in 1997, 2001, 2006 and 2005, respectively

She has spoken at numerous Manitoba Bar Association Family Law Subsection and Law Society of Manitoba educational programs, as well as National Judicial Institute conferences, Federation of Law Societies' National Family Law Programs and two World Congresses on Family Law and the Rights of Children and Youth.

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