



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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Honourable Marguerite Trussler, QC, Officially Sworn in as Alberta's Fourth Ethics Commissioner

Edmonton – Alberta's fourth Ethics Commissioner was officially sworn in today at a ceremony hosted by the Honourable Gene Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Alberta Legislative Assembly.

"As an independent Officer of the Legislature, Alberta's Ethics Commissioner is responsible for, among other things, promoting public confidence in the ethics of each MLA and maintaining the respect in which society holds our elected officials," said the Speaker. "Ms. Trussler's accomplishments, both professional and personal, are truly incredible. We can all be confident that she will draw from her wealth of executive and judicial expertise to effectively carry out her duties and ensure that our MLAs are held to the highest standards of elected office."

Ms. Trussler was born in Edmonton and raised in Calgary. She was a partner at the law firm of Parlee McLaws and then served on the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta for 20 years. Since 2007 she has been chair of the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission. During her time on the Bench, Ms. Trussler served as President of the Canadian Chapter of the International Association of Women Judges and as a member of the editorial board of the *Canadian Bar Review*.

The responsibilities of the Office of the Ethics Commissioner include the investigation of any complaints about alleged breaches of the *Conflicts of Interest Act* by a Member, review of private disclosure statements filed by Members, preparation of subsequent public disclosure statements and oversight of the lobbyists' registration system under the *Lobbyists Act*.

The Ethics Commissioner is appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council following the passage of a motion by the Legislative Assembly. The Select Special Ethics Commissioner Search Committee, mandated with selecting a new Ethics Commissioner, recommended the appointment of Honourable Marguerite Trussler to the role.

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