



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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Committee recommends the Honourable Marguerite Trussler, QC, as Alberta's next Ethics Commissioner

Edmonton—The Select Special Ethics Commissioner search committee mandated with selecting a new Ethics Commissioner will recommend the appointment of former justice, the Honourable Marguerite Trussler, QC to the role of Alberta's fourth Ethics Commissioner.

"The committee could not be more pleased with the level of response we received and thanks all 37 of the applicants for their participation," said George Rogers, MLA for Leduc-Beaumont and chair of the search committee. "We are confident that Ms. Trussler's extensive executive and judicial experience will be a great benefit to this office."

The office of the Ethics Commissioner, among other responsibilities, investigates any complaints about any alleged breach of the *Conflicts of Interest Act* by a Member. As well, it is the responsibility of the office to review private disclosure statements filed by Members of the Legislative Assembly and subsequently prepare public disclosure statements. The office also exercises responsibility over the lobbyist's registration system under the *Lobbyist Act*.

Following a partnership at the Parlee McLaws law firm, Ms. Trussler served for 20 years on the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta and since 2007 has been the chair of the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission. During her time on the Bench she 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.

Married to Sir Francis Price, Bt., QC, she and her husband co-authored a textbook on mortgage foreclosure law in Alberta. They have three adult daughters and three granddaughters.

In recent years, Ms. Trussler has served as president of the Victoria School Foundation for the Arts, chair of the steering committee of the Institute of Health Economics Alberta Initiatives on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and as a member of the local chapter executive of the Institute of Corporate Directors.

The Ethics Commissioner is appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly.

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