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New Chair Appointed to the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission

August 28, 2015 • Saskatoon, SK - Craig Goebel, Chief Executive Officer of Legal Aid Saskatchewan, announced today that Ms. Michelle Ouellette, QC, of Saskatoon, a partner in the law firm of McKercher, LLP, has been appointed by Order in Council of the Government of Saskatchewan as a member of the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission and as its Chair.

Legal Aid Saskatchewan provides a range of legal services to low income individuals in the province in the areas of family and criminal law. Legal Aid Saskatchewan is governed by the Commission which is comprised of members from the Law Society of Saskatchewan, the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the Ministry of Justice, and the Ministry of Social Services.

“Ms. Ouellette has been involved for many years in a wide variety of social, charitable and professional endeavours in Saskatoon and for the province. Ms. Ouellette’s extensive experience as a lawyer and as a community leader will stand Legal Aid Saskatchewan in good stead. She has generously chosen now to give some of her time to “legal aid” and Legal Aid Saskatchewan. Michelle has expressed her enthusiasm for taking on this new position; she is looking forward to working with Legal Aid, as we do with her,” says Craig Goebel.

Mr. Goebel adds “Legal Aid also extends appreciation to its long-serving and now out-going Chair, Mr. Brent Gough, QC, of Saskatoon, a partner in the law firm of Hnatyshyn Gough. He deserves much praise for giving his time, effort and counsel, all provided with good cheer.”

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Further information on Michelle Ouellette’s professional and extra-curricular endeavours is available at <http://www.mckercher.ca/lawyers/michelle-j-ouellette-qc>