

Preface and Issue Overview

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The Manitoba Law Journal is pleased to present this volume, which brings together the personal and vocational reflections of four remarkable individuals, each of whom has served as the Chief Judge of the Provincial Court of Manitoba.

The Manitoba Law Journal has used oral history extensively as a methodology for exploring, preserving, and presenting aspects of our legal system.¹ We have assumed the undertaking of oral histories to interview a diverse array of legal professionals, allowing us to provide readers with a well-rounded scope of the legal field. Especially notable is when we interviewed a number of Indigenous jurists and policy-makers from Manitoba, released as part of Volume 41 in 2018.² Other professions that we have showcased through the lens of lived experiences include elected

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¹ See the list of oral histories from the Manitoba Law Journal in Appendix B of the current volume.

² See *Indigenous Jurists and Policy Makers from Manitoba: A Collection of Oral Histories* (2018), 41:2 Manitoba LJ.

officials,³ senior civil servants,⁴ and practicing legal professionals.⁵ With respect to the judiciary, we are pleased to have conveyed the voices of judges of the superior courts of Manitoba going all the way back to Justice Hugh Robson through Chief Justice Samuel Friedman and many other distinguished members of the Court of Appeal. In this issue, we turn our attention to four leaders of the Provincial Court of Manitoba.⁶

A branch of the judiciary we had yet to highlight in an issue and to consider for oral histories is the Provincial Court of Manitoba. To start off with a brief overview, the Provincial Court, commonly referred to as the People's Court, handles approximately 99% of criminal cases in the province from start to finish.⁷ Generally, all but the most serious offences are referred to the Provincial Court. Other matters heard in the Provincial Court include all Youth Court cases, inquests, instances of alleged police misconduct, and judicial authorizations (such as warrants).⁸ While the majority of family cases fall under the jurisdiction of the Court of King's Bench (Family Division), some family matters are heard in the Provincial Court, particularly those occurring outside of Winnipeg.⁹

In comparison to Manitoba's other courts, the Provincial Court is the busiest in the province, both in terms of speed and volume. But, this is not the only difference when compared to the Court of Appeal. Unlike the Court of Appeal, which sits in Winnipeg, the Provincial Court of Manitoba is an itinerant court, meaning that many of the judges go "on circuit" to smaller communities around the province, some of which can only be reached by either plane or boat during certain times of the year.¹⁰ Judges, court staff, prosecutors and defence lawyers may all fly in on the same plane to reach more remote communities.

³ Appendix B from *Career Retrospectives by Chief Judges of Manitoba* (2025), 48:3 *sv* "Political Leadership in the Time of COVID-19", "Interview of Senior Party Officials".

⁴ *Ibid*, *sv* "Legislative Crises Interviews Part 1".

⁵ *Ibid*, *sv* "Online Dispute Resolution: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic".

⁶ Please see Appendix A for more information on the Journal's oral history methodology and Appendix B for a more detailed summary of our previous oral history projects.

⁷ Government of Manitoba, Department of Justice, "Time to Disposition", (Winnipeg: Government of Manitoba) (last visited 11 July 2026), online: <www.gov.mb.ca> [<https://perma.cc/XMS3-SX6D>].

⁸ The Provincial Court of Manitoba, *Annual Report 2022-2023* (Winnipeg: Queen's Printer, 2023) at 25, 29, 30, 33, online (pdf): <www.manitoba.courts.mb.ca> [<https://perma.cc/F5U4-VFVA>].

⁹ "Provincial Court", Manitoba Courts Provincial Court (last modified 3 July 2025), online: <www.manitobacourts.mb.ca> [<https://perma.cc/7S5N-QPCS>].

¹⁰ *Annual Report*, *supra* note 8 at 10.

Presently, fifty-four judges preside over the Provincial Court, including thirteen Senior Judges.¹¹ The majority of the judges' courtrooms and chambers are located in downtown Winnipeg at the Law Courts Building. There are five other court centres in Brandon, Dauphin, Portage la Prairie, The Pas, and Thompson.¹² Provincial judges also serve an additional fifty-six locations across the province in the circuit courts.¹³

A discussion of the Provincial Court's origins requires some historical context, starting from the Middle Ages. Founded in 1973, the Provincial Court of Manitoba's powers are conferred by *The Provincial Court Act* and are derived from magistrates.¹⁴ This system dates back to 14th-century England when increased crime rates necessitated an expedited criminal-justice system.¹⁵ Magistrates Courts existed in different capacities throughout Manitoba's history; all a reflection of the courts in England and operating as a response to petty crimes. By 1835, before Manitoba was a province, the Hudson's Bay Company's justice system included magistrates who held a quarterly court for minor offences and cases concerning debts under £2.¹⁶ In 1871, following Manitoba's entry into Confederation, *An Act Authorizing the Appointment of Magistrates and Coroners* granted the Lieutenant Governor the power to appoint a magistrate for the province as needed, though more magistrates were added later.¹⁷ Provincial judges assumed the responsibilities of magistrates with the passing of *The Provincial Judges Act* in 1972;¹⁸ this would later be replaced by *The Provincial Court Act*.¹⁹ Requirements for appointing a magistrate were far fewer than those of a present-day judge; magistrates did not require legal education or training.²⁰ In comparison, for the Lieutenant Governor to appoint a provincial judge

¹¹ "Judges", Manitoba Courts Provincial Court (last modified 6 July 2026), online: <www.manitobacourts.mb.ca> [https://perma.cc/8PH2-2PAZ].

¹² *Annual Report*, *supra* note 8 at 10.

¹³ *Ibid.*

¹⁴ See "Brief History of the Provincial Court of Manitoba", Manitoba Courts (last modified 24 June 2016), online: <www.manitobacourts.mb.ca> [https://perma.cc/Z4Y2-Q6GB].

¹⁵ See The Manitoba Law Reform Commission, *Report on The Independence of Provincial Judges* (Winnipeg: The Manitoba Law Reform Commission, 1989) at 4, online (pdf): <manitobalawreform.ca> [https://perma.cc/752W-GA6P].

¹⁶ See "History of the Courts", Manitoba Courts (last modified 24 June 2016), online: <www.manitobacourts.mb.ca> [https://perma.cc/W4PV-6ZJN].

¹⁷ The Manitoba Law Reform Commission *supra* note 15 at 5.

¹⁸ *The Provincial Judges Act*, S.M. 1972, c. 61

¹⁹ The Manitoba Law Reform Commission *supra* note 15 at 6-7.

²⁰ *Ibid* at 6.

in Manitoba, the candidate must be a lawyer who is entitled to practice law in the province, a person who has no less than five years of experience, and is a member in good standing with the Law Society of Manitoba.²¹

Now to provide some background on the role of Chief Judge. This title evolved from the office of Chief Magistrate, a position introduced in 1967 that assigned supervisory powers to a senior magistrate.²² Similar to the current role of Chief Judge, the Chief Magistrate handled the assignment of magistrates and justices of the peace to sittings and hearings.²³ The last Chief Magistrate, Harold Gyles, became the first Chief Judge of Manitoba upon the Provincial Court's inception.²⁴ A subordinate administrative role was introduced in 1983, the Associate Chief Judge.²⁵ The Chief Judge can appoint an Associate Chief Judge to act in their place during an absence; the Lieutenant Governor can also appoint an Associate Chief Judge for proper administration of the court.²⁶ Both the Chief Judge and Associate Chief Judges hold office for a non-renewable term of seven years.²⁷

To further discuss the duties of Chief Judge, they are the official spokesperson of the Provincial Court.²⁸ Their mandate is to exercise general supervisory powers in relation to judges, justices of the peace, and staff, and the Chief Judge is responsible for the judicial functions of the court.²⁹ The Chief Judge may also establish seminars for the continuing education of judges and they are responsible for preparing the Provincial Court's annual report.³⁰

²¹ *Provincial Court Act, The*, CSSM, c C275, s-s 3(1-2).

²² The Manitoba Law Reform Commission, *supra* note 15, at 6.

²³ While sometimes used interchangeably in England, justices of the peace served a different role than magistrates in Manitoba. Justices of the peace also attended to court matters, but the powers afforded to them were far less than those of magistrates (see The Manitoba Law Reform Commission, *ibid*, at 5).

²⁴ "Brief History of the Provincial Court of Manitoba", note 14.

²⁵ The first Associate Chief Judge was the Honourable Judge Edwin Charles Kimelman who served under this title from 1983-1994 (see Manitoba Historical Society Archives, "Memorable Manitobans: Government of Manitoba: Judges of Manitoba" (last modified 16 May 2026) *sv* "Edwin Charles Kimelman", online: <www.mhs.mb.ca> [<https://perma.cc/QA6W-ZS4D>]).

²⁶ *Provincial Court Act, The*, *supra* note 21, s-s 8.3(1), 9.

²⁷ *Provincial Court Act, The*, *ibid*, s-s. 8.0.1(1), 9.1(1). However, no judge of the Court, including both the Chief Judge and Associate Chief Judge, may serve past the month in which the judge turns 75 -years of age. See *Provincial Court Act, The*, *ibid*, s 5.1.

²⁸ The Provincial Court of Manitoba, *Annual Report 2022-2023* (Winnipeg: 2023) at 6, online (pdf): <www.manitoba.courts.mb.ca> [<https://perma.cc/F5U4-VFVA>].

²⁹ *Provincial Court Act, The*, *supra* note 21, s 8.1.

³⁰ *Provincial Court Act, The*, *ibid*, ss 8.1.1(1-4).

The words of former Chief Judges in past annual reports reflect the Provincial Court's independent and dynamic nature (notably the first report in 2002 and the most recent in 2023).³¹ These traits are indicative of the court's ability to adapt to changing social needs via initiatives. Initiatives of the court are often spearheaded by Chief Judges, such as the implementation of the Senior Judges program by Chief Judge Champagne.³² Most recently, Chief Judge Rolston appointed the first Associate Chief Judge of Reconciliation.³³

In this volume, we present oral histories from the last four Chief Judges of the Provincial Court of Manitoba (the Honourable Raymond Wyant, the Honourable Kenneth Champagne, the Honourable Margaret Wiebe, and the current officeholder, the Honourable Ryan Rolston).

What comes across in these pages is, perhaps unsurprisingly, a strong ethos toward both justice and service. All of the interviewees seemed quite comfortable with having a time-limited opportunity to serve in role that would allow them to do what they could to improve the quality of the justice in Manitoba. While each has their own unique background, several traits would show themselves in our interviews more than once. For example, two (Justice Champagne and Chief Judge Rolston) spoke at length about their involvement in organized sports, and how sports taught many lessons that they continue to apply in their current roles. Two (Chief Judge Wyant and Chief Judge Rolston) had served as both defence lawyers and prosecutors at different times; Justice Champagne had served as a prosecutor in his time as a lawyer. Chief Judge Wiebe, on the other hand, came from a corporate-law background, and studied criminal procedure and evidence voraciously to allow her to become a good judge.

All three of the former Chief Judges would go back to judging at the end of their terms as Chief Judge. Chief Judge Wyant would continue to serve as a Judge of the Provincial Court (or as a Senior Judge of the same court³⁴) for an additional 15 years. Chief Judge Champagne would be

³¹ See The Provincial Court of Manitoba, *1st Annual Report* (Winnipeg: 2003), online (pdf): <www.manitobacourts.mb.ca> [<https://perma.cc/J2KL-QLMY>]. See also, *Annual Report*, *supra* note 8.

³² There were not always Senior Judges in the provincial court. This was an initiative implemented by former Chief Judge Champagne to alleviate the workload of full-time judges and combat system delays (see Provincial Court Act, *The*, *supra* note 21, s 6.5).

³³ Province of Manitoba, "Manitoba Government Appoints First Associate Chief Judge of Reconciliation" (19 June 2026), online: <news.gov.mb.ca> [<https://perma.cc/8JB4-7AHF>].

³⁴ A Senior Judge is a retired Judge of the Court (designated by the Chief Judge as a Senior Judge) who serves on a *per diem* basis when needed for judicial duties, See *Provincial Court Act, The*, *supra* note 21, s. 6.5.

elevated to the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench within two years of the end of his role as Chief Judge. Chief Judge Wiebe would return to her post as a Provincial Court Judge following the end of her seven-year term and has remained on the Bench since.

In the end, we have discussed the ethos public service of all of our interviewees. We are very thankful that their commitment to service extended to giving their time to the Manitoba Law Journal to provide our readers with the thoughts reproduced in this volume.

Appendix A: Oral History Methodology

The development of the Manitoba Law Journal's oral history methodology has been an ongoing process since the 2011 mandate to make oral histories an integral part of the Journal's work. This appendix highlights that process as it has been discussed and expanded on in the introductions and prefaces of our oral history-focused issues.

I. The Founding Mandate

A New Vision for the Manitoba Law Journal (2011)

Bryan P Schwartz, "A New Vision for the Manitoba Law Journal" (2011), 35:1 Manitoba LJ i, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [<https://perma.cc/B5V2-GPC6>]

While the Law Journal had released previous issues centered around interviews (particularly Volume 30 Issue 1 as part of the Legislative Crises series in 2003), this preface marked a new chapter for the Journal. The Law Journal states its commitment to exploring new avenues for presenting scholarship, including oral histories. Since the release of this issue, the Journal has continued to develop and evolve its oral-history methodology to the benefit of the reader and the legal professionals who take the time to share their experiences with us.

II. The First Judicial Oral History Dedicated Issue

Five Decades of Chief Justices of Manitoba (2012)

Five Decades of Chief Justices of Manitoba (2012), 36: Special Issue Manitoba LJ

The introduction of these interviews indicates that in the process of planning this project, the Journal focused on developing a deliberate strategy for oral histories that would last for years to come. Something to note is that former Chief Justice Alfred Monnin, a native French speaker, was among the interviewees; his interview was conducted in part in both official languages and reproduced in full in both English and French.

III. A New Type of Oral History

A Judge of Valour: Chief Justice Samuel Freedman – In His Own Words (2014)

A Judge of Valour: Chief Justice Samuel Freedman – In His Own Words (2014), 37: Special Issue Manitoba LJ

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While oral histories have been exhibited by the Journal primarily through interviews, this issue demonstrates that additional formats can be utilised and can possibly be a better way to represent certain topics. A compilation of an autobiography and speeches by legal professionals (and former Chief Justice Freedman himself) provided speakers with the opportunity to share their intentions. This issue is a testament to the fact that the Journal continues to explore new ways in which to follow through on its 2011 mandate.

IV. A Reflection on the Methodology

The Next Great Transition in Canadian Legal Education (2016)

A Review of the Current Legal Landscape (2016), 39:1 Manitoba LJ

This issue provides an in-depth reflection on the interview format itself. Reference is made to inspirations for the oral history projects including the work of Italian journalist and author Oriana Fallaci as well as Bryan Magee's philosophy interviews. The interviews of these role models attempted to preserve the distinct personalities of the interviewees which is what the Manitoba Law Journal also strives for. Despite this, there is still a great deal of editing involved in the process, primarily as directed by the speaker on what they wish to cut out. The editing on the Journal side meanwhile is lighter, addressing grammar, repetition, and flow of the interview. A priority is that the published text stays very close to the original conversation. This piece also lists previous interviews and references the forthcoming issue on Indigenous oral histories.

Supplementary Documents of the Special Issue on Legal Education (2016)

Bryan P Schwartz, "Preface to the Document Supplement of the Special Issue on Legal Education" (2016), 39:2 Manitoba LJ i, online (pdf): <[themanitobalawjournal.com](https://perma.cc/C3GY-WUVK)> [<https://perma.cc/C3GY-WUVK>]

This preface starts off the companion volume to the collection of Canadian legal education interviews. The preface introduces a collection of documents that provide the reader the opportunity to read the thoughts of leaders of the profession and of the law school directly. This case in which an issue composed of interviews was complemented by a volume of related documents is a way in which the law journal has varied its approach to oral histories.

V. Indigenous Oral Histories

Preface

Bryan P Schwartz, "Preface" (2018), 41:1 Manitoba LJ i, online (pdf): <[themanitobalawjournal.com](https://perma.cc/MFX9-XX6Y)> [<https://perma.cc/MFX9-XX6Y>]

Not directly in the issue dedicated to Indigenous oral histories but is in the same volume and restates the 2011 mandate in a discussion of the law journal's overall vision. This vision includes embracing all useful methodologies and supporting the

investigation of issues through means that include interviews. The piece emphasizes the necessity of the interview format to law journals generally. A footnote details the process of oral history projects which includes:

- Getting the approval of the Research Ethics Board at the University of Manitoba
- Finding interview subjects (generally outstanding figures in government or community leadership or distinguished academics)
- Editing the interviews in consultation with the individual involved
- Annotating the interview (done by the journal's editors)
- Subjecting the interview to peer review at both the Manitoba Law Journal and external levels

Indigenous Jurists and Policy-Makers From Manitoba: A Collection of Oral Histories (2018)

Bryan P Schwartz, "Introduction" (2018), 41:2 Manitoba LJ i, online (pdf): <[themanitobalawjournal.com](https://perma.cc/D6Q5-R2LC)> [<https://perma.cc/D6Q5-R2LC>]

The introduction to this issue brings attention to the great value that interviews offer for a law journal. Depersonalized official texts are compared to the intimate and distinctive attributes of the interview format. The piece goes into the process that went into preparing this issue which included:

- Approval from the Research Ethics Board
- Interviews with over a dozen remarkable figures in the 2016-2017 academic year
- Transcription and editing of the interviews by student editors
- Approval from the author or any changes
- With an overall plan to stay as close as reasonably possible to the author's own initial interview

VI. Insight into the Oral History Methodology

An Indigenous Oral History Reader (2022)

Bryan P Schwartz, *An Indigenous Oral History Reader* (Winnipeg: 2022)

A separate piece was written by one of the Editors-in-Chief of the Journal (Bryan P. Schwartz). This anthology of Indigenous oral histories also delves into the conceptual framework of oral history methodologies. Also included is information for readers on ways to reinforce or qualify oral evidence by references to other sources of information. This is ultimately the text to cite within this Appendix for any in-depth look at the oral-history methodology itself.

VII. Student Perspectives

Online Dispute Resolution: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic (2024)

Bryan P Schwartz & Darcy L MacPherson and Issue Overview, "Preface" (2024), 46:3 Manitoba LJ i, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/6FL4-LZKG] While previous introductions have mentioned similarities and differences across interviews within an issue, this overview provides the same analysis for a topic area that the majority of readers will sympathize with, that being the COVID-19 Pandemic. The way in which the interviews are compared demonstrates another distinctive aspect to the oral history methodology, that is, meaningful thought processes around the trends of a collection of interviews as well as ways in which the interviewees differ. This provides the chance to consider how the interviewees' diverse backgrounds formulated their unique perspectives.

Another thing to note about this oral history project is the involvement of student editors in the interviews. Student editors have always been involved in projects of the law journal, including oral histories, but this issue gave students an outlet to share their experiences going through law school during the pandemic. The contributions of the students allowed for further comparisons with the legal professionals' law-school experiences and the impact of COVID on law students.

VIII. The Second Interview of a Chief Justice (2025)

A Retrospective on the Career of the Honourable Chief Justice Richard Chartier (2025)

Bryan P Schwartz & Darcy L MacPherson, "Preface" (2025), 47:1 Manitoba LJ i, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/HLD6-AHN8]

This preface immediately acknowledges the importance of preserving the voices of distinguished jurists from Manitoba, which is done in part through the oral history methodology. The piece summarizes the Journal's previous oral histories and makes it known that the Journal continues to follow the commitment it made in 2011 to explore new methods of publication formats.

Appendix B: Oral History Projects

Since the Manitoba Law Journal's mandate was re-envisioned in 2011¹, the Editors-in-Chief have sought to make oral histories an integral part of the Journal's work. We have interviewed a diverse array of professionals in the legal field and related areas. This appendix is a bibliography of our past oral history projects and is divided into five parts. Part I highlights our judicial oral history issues. Part II is composed of other issues dedicated wholly or mostly of oral histories. Part III includes issues that are forthcoming in print and are available online at the Manitoba Law Journal's website. Part IV features interviews that have appeared in general issues. Part V details related works. Part VI provides a list of interviews conducted by the Law Journal prior to the 2011 mandate.

I. Judicial Oral Histories

1. Five Decades of the Chief Justices of Manitoba (2012)

Five Decades of Chief Justices of Manitoba (2012), 36: Special Issue Manitoba LJ

This issue was the start of the Journal's venture into judicial oral histories. The collective years as Chief Justice of Manitoba among the three interviewees in this volume span from 1971 to 2013. The varying decades that these former Chief Justices served during allowed for unique discussions. Yet, there are commonly held traits among them which speak to the dedication of members of the Bench to the people of the province.

- Interview with Chief Justice Richard J. Scott
 - Darcy L MacPherson, "An Interview with Chief Justice Richard J Scott" (2012), 36: Special Issue Manitoba LJ 1, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [<https://perma.cc/MJ36-ZVXF>]
- Interview with Chief Justice Alfred M. Monnin (published in both French and in English)
 - Darcy L MacPherson, "An Interview with Chief Justice Alfred M Monnin" (2012), 36: Special Issue Manitoba LJ 91, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [<https://perma.cc/T6R5-6S7Y>]
- Interview with Chief Justice Samuel Freedman
 - Lorne Brandes, "An Interview with Chief Justice Samuel Freedman" (2012), 36: Special Issue Manitoba LJ 105, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [<https://perma.cc/T82K-9XJU>]

2. An Interview with the Chief Justice of Manitoba (2013)

¹ See Bryan P. Schwartz, "A New Vision for the *Manitoba Law Journal*" (2011), 35:1 Man LJ i.

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Darcy L MacPherson, “An Interview with The Chief Justice of Manitoba” (2013), 37:1 Manitoba LJ 43, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/Z6NS-X5ZJ] This interview provides a history of The Honourable Richard J. Chartier’s life and career. The now-former Chief Justice would later return for an additional interview published in 2025. These two interviews demonstrate the unique ability of the oral history methodology to show how some of a legal professional’s perspectives have endured, while others have changed over time.

3. A Judge of Valour: Chief Justice Samuel Freedman – In His Own Words (2014)

A Judge of Valour: Chief Justice Samuel Freedman – In His Own Words (2014), 37: Special Issue Manitoba LJ

This issue consists of a full-length autobiographical manuscript about Chief Justice Freedman and a series of speeches about him, some of which were delivered by the man himself.

4. A Retrospective on the Career of the Honourable Chief Justice Richard Chartier (2025)

A Retrospective on the Career of the Honourable Chief Justice Richard Chartier (2025), 47:1 Manitoba LJ

Following the preface, this issue is an interview with Chief Justice Chartier. The issue includes reflections by Chief Justice Chartier, with remarks by the Chief Justice of Canada and members of the Manitoba Bench, framed by an introduction using the Journal’s oral history methodology.

5. Interview with Chief Justice Marianne Rivoalen (2025)

Bryan P Schwartz & Darcy L MacPherson, “Interview with Chief Justice Marianne Rivoalen” (2025) 47:2 Manitoba LJ 111, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/H3J5-SJ9W]

The Honourable Chief Justice Marianne Rivoalen was appointed Chief Justice in 2023 and continues to serve in that role. Her interview marks the fifth in the Journal’s series of interviews with Chief Justices, thus providing readers a compilation of first-person interviews with Chief Justices dating back to 1971.

II. Issues Composed Wholly or Mostly of Oral Histories

1. Interviews of Senior Party Officials (2014)

Underneath the Golden Boy (2014), 37:2 Manitoba LJ

This issue consists of interviews followed by several articles dedicated to legislative and policy review. All of the interviewees are University of Manitoba Law School alumni which allowed for a dialogue on the links and disconnects between their legal educations and political careers.

- Interview with the Justice Minister and Attorney General of Manitoba
 - Bryan P Schwartz & Jessica Davenport, “An Interview with the Justice Minister and Attorney General of Manitoba” (2014), 37:2 Manitoba LJ

1, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/F226-NW86]

- Interview with Kelvin Goertzen
 - Bryan P Schwartz & Jessica Davenport, “Interview with Kelvin Goertzen” (2014), 37:2 Manitoba LJ 17, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/6X8N-3EYU]
- Interview with Rana Bokhari, Liberal Party Leader
 - Bryan P Schwartz, “An Interview with Rana Bokhari, Liberal Party Leader” (2014), 37:2 Manitoba LJ 41, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/G9AT-7MAV]
- Interview with James Beddome
 - Bryan P Schwartz & Jessica Davenport, “Interview with James Beddome” (2014), 37:2 Manitoba LJ 61, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/SV3R-UEMN]

2. The Next Great Transition in Canadian Legal Education (2016)

A Review of the Current Legal Landscape (2016), 39:1 Manitoba LJ

These interviews are with academics, some of whom were employed at the Manitoba Law School when it was a standalone institution housed within the Law Courts in downtown Winnipeg. Many of these interviewees were present during the move to become part of the larger University of Manitoba in the south end of the city. Other interviewees were hired later, and were still employed by the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Law, in its current iteration at the time of the interviews. A few straddled both camps, being present at the transition in the mid-to-late-1960s, when the transition was happening, and were still employed at the Faculty of Law as we undertook this project in the 2010s. Issue 2 of this volume provides supplemental documents to Issue 1.

- Interview with Charles Huband
 - Lane Foster, “Interview with Charles Huband” (2016), 39:1 Manitoba LJ 1, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/QED7-UW2Y]
- Interview with Dale Gibson
 - Bryan P Schwartz, “Interview with Dale Gibson” (2016), 39:1 Manitoba LJ 25, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/BNW6-PECU]
- Interview with Arthur Braid, C.M., Q.C.
 - Ryan Trainer, “Interview with Arthur Braid, CM, QC” (2016), 39:1 Manitoba LJ 77, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/B5SB-6HCE]
- Interview with Cameron Harvey
 - Jesse Epp-Fransen & Ryan Trainer, “Interview with Cameron Harvey” (2016), 39:1 Manitoba LJ 97, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/RL6L-BK2B]
- Interview with Janet Baldwin
 - Jessica Davenport & Ryan Trainer, “Interview with Janet Baldwin” (2016), 39:1 Manitoba LJ 117, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/X7HD-RZQ3]

- Interview with Gerald Nemiroff
 - Bryan P Schwartz, “Interview with Gerald Nemiroff” (2016), 39:1 Manitoba LJ 135, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/E7LT-6E9H]
- Interview with Jack R. London, C.M., Q.C.
 - Jessica Davenport & Jesse Epp-Fransen, “Interview with Jack R London, CM, QC” (2016), 39:1 Manitoba LJ 191, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/MP87-EQBL]
- Interview with David Deutscher
 - Bryan P Schwartz & Darcy L MacPherson, “Interview with David Deutscher” (2016), 39:1 Manitoba LJ 217, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/T5R9-UQQ2]
- Interview with Alvin Esau
 - Bryan P Schwartz, “Interview with Alvin Essau” (2016), 39:1 Manitoba LJ 257, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/237U-ELLX]
- Interview with Justice Freda Steel
 - Ryan Trainer, “Interview with Justice Freda Steel” (2016), 39:1 Manitoba LJ 277, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/HZA8-LW2M]
- Interview with Lee Stuesser
 - Bryan P Schwartz, “Interview with Lee Stuesser” (2016), 39:1 Manitoba LJ 297, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/X2D4-5XSA]
- Interview with John Eaton
 - Bryan P Schwartz, “Interview with John Eaton” (2016), 39:1 Manitoba LJ 353, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/3NXB-WL6E]

3. Indigenous Jurists and Policy-Makers from Manitoba: A Collection of Oral Histories (2018)

Indigenous Jurists and Policy-Makers from Manitoba: A Collection of Oral Histories (2018), 41:2 Manitoba LJ

This issue transcribes the voices of Indigenous jurists and policy-makers as they discuss changes to how the Canadian legal system recognized Indigenous people’s rights. The editors also acknowledge scholars within the University of Manitoba Faculty of Law who have made important contributions to Indigenous legal studies.

- Interview with Brian Bowman
 - Bryan P Schwartz, “Interview with Brian Bowman” (2018), 41:2 Manitoba LJ 1, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/7RBY-ZCJ6]
- Interview with Paul Chartrand
 - Bryan P Schwartz, “Interview with Paul Chartrand” (2018), 41:2 Manitoba LJ 25, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/JYX3-Q4QU]
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- Bryan P Schwartz, “Interview with Harold Cochrane” (2018), 41:2 Manitoba LJ 45, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/8SDE-HV4C]
- Interview with Phil Fontaine
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 - Bryan P Schwartz, “Interview with Joan Jack” (2018), 41:2 Manitoba LJ 105, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/27EP-PHJW]
- Interview with Diane M. Kelly
 - Bryan P Schwartz, “Interview with Diane M Kelly” (2018), 41:2 Manitoba LJ 145, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/B332-Q5ZH]
- Interview with Jack London
 - Bryan P Schwartz, “Interview with Jack London” (2018), 41:2 Manitoba LJ 171, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/FKV4-WX42]
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 - Bryan P Schwartz, “Interview with Sacha Paul” (2018), 41:2 Manitoba LJ 229, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/YAM3-GAM4]
- Interview with Murray Sinclair
 - Bryan P Schwartz, “Interview with Murray Sinclair” (2018), 41:2 Manitoba LJ 263, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/L3WV-MDK9]
- Interview with Jean Teillet
 - Bryan P Schwartz, “Interview with Jean Teillet” (2018), 41:2 Manitoba LJ 311, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/D7S3-JUT8]
- Interview with Jennifer Wood
 - Bryan P Schwartz, “Interview with Jennifer Wood” (2018), 41:2 Manitoba LJ 355, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/5JMU-BVKG]

4. Online Dispute Resolution: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic (2024)

Online Dispute Resolution: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic (2024), 46:3 Manitoba LJ

This is the second issue in a series of three which cover the Canadian legal system’s response to COVID-19. The second section of this issue features five practicing legal professionals who discuss the adaptation of dispute resolution to an online format during and after the COVID-19 Pandemic. Student editors who went through law school during the pandemic also contributed to the interviews.

- Interview with Kris Saxberg

- Bryan P Schwartz & Shira Brand, “Interview with Kris Saxberg” (2024), 46:3 Manitoba LJ 71, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/5SRL-GGDN]
- Interview with Greg Evans
 - Bryan P Schwartz & Jodi Plenert, “Interview with Greg Evans” (2024), 46:3 Manitoba LJ 101, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/M2F2-A6EL]
- Interview with Cynthia Lazar
 - Bryan P Schwartz & Jodi Plenert, “Interview with Cynthia Lazar” (2024), 46:3 Manitoba LJ 143, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/3US7-KTB9]
- Interview with Pamela Leech
 - Bryan P Schwartz & Laura Balagus, “Interview with Pamela Leech” (2024), 46:3 Manitoba LJ 167, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/8ZEL-NTNB]
- Interview with Dave Wright
 - Bryan P Schwartz & Natasha Ellis, “Interview with Dave Wright” (2024), 46:3 Manitoba LJ 193, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/DJ7Y-JD2F]

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1. Political Leadership in the Time of COVID-19 (2025)

Political Leadership in the Time of COVID-19 (2025), 48:2 Manitoba LJ

This issue is the third issue in a series of three which cover the Canadian legal system’s response to COVID-19. The interviews explore the decision-making process during COVID with senior-elected officials in Manitoba.

- Interview with the Honourable Jon Gerrard
 - Bryan P Schwartz & Darcy L MacPherson, “Interview with the Honourable Jon Gerrard; Dr Gerrard’s Preventative Health Proposal” (2025), 48:2 Manitoba LJ 1, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com>
- Interview with the Wab Kinew
 - Bryan P Schwartz & Darcy L MacPherson, “Interview with the Honourable Wab Kinew” (2025), 48:2 Manitoba LJ 39, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com>
- Interview with the Honourable Dougald Lamont
 - Bryan P Schwartz, “Interview with the Honourable Dougald Lamont” (2025), 48:2 Manitoba LJ 69, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com>
- Interview with the Honourable Kelvin Goertzen
 - Bryan P Schwartz, “Interview with the Honourable Kelvin Goertzen” (2025), 48:2 Manitoba LJ 117, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com>

6. Career Retrospectives by Chief Judges of Manitoba (2025)

Career Retrospectives by Chief Judges of Manitoba (2025), 48:3 Manitoba LJ

As the most recent addition to the Journal's judicial oral histories series, this issue provides first person accounts of the lives of Chief Judges starting from former Chief Judge Wyant's appointment in 2002 to the current head of the Provincial Court, Chief Judge Rolston. These interviews also mark the Journal's first time focusing on the Provincial Court in an issue.

- Interview with The Honourable Chief Judge Raymond Wyant
 - Bryan P Schwartz & Darcy L MacPherson, "Interview with The Honourable Chief Judge Raymond Wyant" (2025), 48:3 Manitoba LJ 1, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com>
- Interview with the Honourable Justice Kenneth Champagne
 - Darcy L MacPherson, "Interview with The Honourable Justice Kenneth Champagne" (2025), 48:3 Manitoba LJ 85, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com>
- Interview with the Honourable Chief Judge Margaret Wiebe
 - Bryan P Schwartz & Darcy L MacPherson, "Interview with The Honourable Chief Judge Margaret Wiebe" (2025), 48:3 Manitoba LJ 137, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com>
- Interview with the Honourable Chief Judge Ryan Rolston
 - Bryan P Schwartz & Darcy L MacPherson, "Interview with The Honourable Chief Judge Ryan Rolston" (2025), 48:3 Manitoba LJ 189, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com>

IV. Interviews in General Issues

1. Interview with Donna Miller (2011)

Bryan P Schwartz, "Interview with Donna Miller" (2011) 35:1 Manitoba LJ 249, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [<https://perma.cc/XM8V-YM7T>]

Donna Miller was the Associate Deputy Minister of Justice of Canada from 2005 to 2010 and Clerk of the Executive Council and Cabinet Secretary in Manitoba. In this interview, she discusses her life and career starting from her time in law school.

2. Interview with the Honourable Steven Fletcher (2024)

Bryan P Schwartz & Darcy L MacPherson, "Interview with the Honourable Steven Fletcher" (2024) 46:2 Manitoba LJ 115, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [<https://perma.cc/9KNV-XPT2>]

The Honourable Steven Fletcher is a former Member of Parliament, and his interview concludes an issue focused on the executive and legislative branches of government. His interview provides insight into his personal principles through an intimate discussion that highlights the strengths of the oral history methodology.

V. Related Works

1. A New Vision for the Manitoba Law Journal (2011)

Bryan P Schwartz, "A New Vision for the Manitoba Law Journal" (2011), 35:1 Manitoba LJ i, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/B5V2-GPC6]

In this preface, the journal commits to a diversification of methods for publishing legal scholarship with the intention to help readers engage. The interview format is among the listed methods that the journal is committed to exploring. Following this article, the Manitoba Law Journal would commit to producing issues dedicated to oral histories on a regular basis.

2. Chief Justice Robson: A Selection of His Original Works and Contemporary Reflections on Them (2019)

Chief Justice Robson: A Selection of His Original Works and Contemporary Reflections on Them (2019), 42:2 Special Issue Manitoba LJ

Chief Justice Robson was a pioneer of legal education in Manitoba and "a lover of the law". This special issue includes some of his works and reflections of those works by legal professionals. Among the reflections are pieces written by faculty members of Robson Hall, the law school named in Chief Justice Robson's honour.

3. An Indigenous Oral History Reader (2022)

Bryan P Schwartz, *An Indigenous Oral History Reader* (Winnipeg: 2022)

This anthology provides readers with the materials and a framework for thoughtfully considering how oral histories are understood and interpreted by the different communities that utilise them. It places particular emphasis on Indigenous oral histories while embodying a wide array of perspectives.

VI. Interviews Conducted Pre-Mandate

1. Legislative Crises Interviews Part 1 (2001)

Underneath the Golden Boy (2001), 28:2 Manitoba LJ

These two interviews are a part of a series dedicated to providing commentary to the legal community on Manitoba's legislative process. Both interviewees discuss portions of statute development unbeknownst to the general public.

- Rick Mantey: Exposing the Invisible
 - Bryan P Schwartz & Darla Rettie, "Rick Mantey: Exposing the Invisible" (2001), 28:2 Manitoba LJ 187, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/Q8DJ-WXPU]
- Norm Larsen: Draftstoevsky
 - Bryan P Schwartz & Darla Rettie, "Norm Larsen: Draftstoevsky" (2001), 28:2 Manitoba LJ 201, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/74WV-V5LM]

2. Legislative Crises Interviews Part 2 (2003)

Underneath the Golden Boy (2003), 30:1 Manitoba LJ

Positive reception to the interviews from Volume 28 inspired this issue which covers several major events in Manitoba's legislative history through the lens of legal professionals. The four events discussed in this issue are the "bell-ringing" episode,

the resignation of Jim Walding, the defeat of the Meech Lake Accord, and the Manitoba Telephone System crisis.

- Interview with Gord Mackintosh
 - Bryan P Schwartz & Erin Melrose, “Interview with Gord Mackintosh” (2003), 30:1 Manitoba LJ 49, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/3QPU-GU73].
- Interview with Howard Pawley
 - Bryan P Schwartz & Erin Melrose, “Interview with Howard Pawley” (2003), 30:1 Manitoba LJ 61, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/J8RW-WJJL]
- Interview with Andy Anstett
 - Bryan P Schwartz, “Interview with Andy Anstett” (2003), 30:1 Manitoba LJ 71, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/46SK-JPSZ].
- Interview with Roland Penner
 - Erin Melrose, “Interview with Roland Penner” (2003), 30:1 Manitoba LJ 79, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/TPX8-HTEL]
- Interview with Steve Ashton
 - Erin Melrose, “Interview with Steve Ashton” (2003), 30:1 Manitoba LJ 89, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/93JB-3S7B]
- Interview with Rick Mantey
 - Bryan P Schwartz & Erin Melrose, “Interview with Rick Mantey” (2003), 30:1 Manitoba LJ 99, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/T5DN-SNWW]
- Interview with Stuart Murray
 - Erin Melrose, “Interview with Stuart Murray” (2003), 30:1 Manitoba LJ 111, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/8EA7-4C9Z].
- Interview with Jon Gerrard
 - Bryan P Schwartz & Erin Melrose, “Interview with Jon Gerrard” (2003), 30:1 Manitoba LJ 117, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/37A5-VGQR]
- Interview with Darren Praznik
 - Bryan P Schwartz & Erin Melrose, “Interview with Daren Praznik” (2003), 30:1 Manitoba LJ 125, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/W3F8-97KR]

3. Janet Reno on Wrongful Conviction (2006)

Janet Reno & Bruce MacFarlane, “Janet Reno on Wrongful Conviction” (2006), 31:3 Manitoba LJ 565, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [https://perma.cc/G8MM-DKKS]

Janet Reno was the Attorney General of the United States from 1993-2001. In this brief interview, Ms. Reno discusses principal causes of wrongful convictions and shares her thoughts on the context around it.

4. Q & A With Reg Alcock (2007)

Reg Alcock, "Q & A With Reg Alcock" (2007), 4: Special Edition *Underneath the Golden Boy* 129, online (pdf): <themanitobalawjournal.com> [<https://perma.cc/UQ74-H7UR>]

Reg Alcock was a Canadian Politician and the former Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board. His Q & A and other articles provided in this volume are from "The Governance Conference" that took place in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 2004. The televised conference provided Canadians the opportunity to hear about possible mechanisms for governance reform.