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Federation names new President for 2023-2024

The Federation of Law Societies of Canada is pleased to announce that Erin M. S. Kleisinger, K.C., of Regina has been elected President for 2023 – 2024. She was nominated as a member of the Federation Council by the Law Society of Saskatchewan in 2018.

Ms. Kleisinger is a partner in private practice with McDougall Gauley LLP in Regina, where she has a varied commercial and litigation practice with a focus on university and privacy law. She has appeared before all levels of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada. She received her Bachelor of Arts (Honours) and LLB from Queen’s University and was admitted to the Saskatchewan bar in 1993. She was awarded King’s Counsel in 2016.

Ms. Kleisinger has extensive experience in the administrative and regulatory aspects of the legal profession. She was appointed by the Benchers of the Law Society of Saskatchewan in 2014 to fill a vacancy, and was re-elected for a second term in 2015. She was elected Vice-President of the Law Society that same year, and served as its President in 2017. She is also on the faculty of the Law Society of Saskatchewan’s Trial Advocacy Workshop, acting as its Chair since 2012.

During her time on Federation Council, she has been a member of the Standing Committee on the Model Code of Professional Conduct, the National Requirement Review Committee and the Public Affairs and Government Relations Committee, and served as Chair of the National Wellness Study Steering Committee and the Canadian Common Law Degree Approval Committee. Most recently she was the Federation’s nominee to the Independent Judicial Advisory Board for Supreme Court of Canada Judicial Appointments.

Ms. Kleisinger has served on the board of Group Medical Services / GMS Insurance Inc. (Chair 2020-2022), the Canadian Association of University Solicitors (President 2018) and the Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc. (President 2008-2010). Her community involvement includes being on the Board of the Children’s Wish Foundation (Saskatchewan Chapter) and volunteering for the Canadian Cancer Society.

“The Federation has a number of important strategic priorities that will be undertaken and advanced in the coming year”, notes Ms. Kleisinger, “including the finalization of the National Requirement Review which deals with the national standard for law school

programs in Canadian common law jurisdictions, and moving ahead with initiatives arising from the 2022 National Wellness Study. We will also press ahead to defend core democratic values by pursuing our constitutional challenge to provisions of the *Income Tax Act* that violate legal counsel's fundamental duty of commitment to their client's cause."

"It is a privilege to serve as the Federation's President" Ms. Kleisinger says. "I look forward to continuing our work and collaboration among our member law societies, and with other national justice system stakeholders including the government, the courts and the legal academy".

The Federation of Law Societies of Canada is the national association of the 14 law societies mandated by the provinces and territories to regulate Canada's legal profession in the public interest. It is the body through which Canada's law societies collaborate at the national level, share information on trends and issues affecting the legal profession, and engage in collective action and decision-making.

The Federation is also the law societies' national and international voice on important issues related to the regulation and core values of the legal profession. For more information on the Federation, please visit our web site at www.flsc.ca.

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