



# MANITOBA ORDER IN COUNCIL

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DATE: **April 22, 2026**

ORDER IN COUNCIL NO.: **84/2026**

RECOMMENDED BY: **Minister  
Justice and Attorney General**

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## ORDER

1. Jean Friesen is appointed as a member of the Judicial Appointment Committee (the "Committee") for a term of office that expires on April 21, 2029, unless her appointment is revoked before that date, and continuing after that date until re-appointed or a successor is appointed.
2. The appointment of Sherwood Armbruster as a member of the Committee is revoked.
3. This Order comes into effect on the day it is made.

## AUTHORITY

The Provincial Court Act, C.C.S.M. c. C275, states:

### **LG in C may appoint judges**

**3(1)** The Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint such persons as he or she considers necessary as judges of the court, in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

### **Appointment from list of candidates**

**3.1** an appointment under subsection 3(1) must be made from the list of candidates provided by the judicial appointment committee under section 3.6.

### **Composition of the Committee**

**3.3(2)** The committee consists of the following:

- (a) the Chief Judge;
- (b) four persons, who are not lawyers, judges, or retired judges, appointed by the Lieutenant governor in Council;
- (c) a judge designated by the judges of Provincial Court;
- (d) the president of the Law Society of Manitoba, or a member of the Law Society of Manitoba designated by the president;
- (e) the president of the Manitoba Branch of the Canadian Bar Association, or a member of the Manitoba Branch of the Canadian Bar Association designated by the president.

### **Appointment considerations**

**3.3(3)** When appointing or designating persons under clause (2)(b), (d) and (e), the diversity of Manitoba must be considered.

### **Term**

**3.3(4)** Committee members under clauses (2)(b), (d) and (e) are to be appointed or designated for a term not exceeding three years and may be re-appointed or designated for an additional term not exceeding three years.

### **List of candidates to minister**

**3.6(1)** When the minister advises the Chief Judge that the appointment of a judge is required, the judicial appointment committee must provide the minister with the current list of candidates.

## BACKGROUND

1. Jean Friesen is not a lawyer, judge, or retired judge, as required by clause 3.3(2)(b).

2. Jean Friesen is replacing Sherwood Armbruster who has resigned.