



The Honourable Judge Raymond E. Wyant

Raymond E. Wyant was appointed a Judge of the Provincial Court of Manitoba in May 1998 and appointed for a seven-year term as Chief Judge on July 10, 2002. Judge Wyant is also a Deputy Judge of Yukon Territory.

Prior to his appointment in 1998, Judge Wyant practiced as both a criminal defense lawyer and as a Crown Attorney and was Acting Deputy Director of Manitoba Prosecutions at the time of his appointment to the Bench. In addition to his law degree from the University of Manitoba, Judge Wyant has a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the University of Saskatchewan and a Certificate in Public Sector Management from the University of Manitoba.

Judge Wyant was a Trustee for nine years and past Chair of the Fort Garry School Division in Winnipeg. He coached youth sports for over 20 years and has participated on several professional and community boards. Judge Wyant is a past Chair of the Community Notification Advisory Committee and is also a past Chair of the Board of Regents at the University of Winnipeg. Judge Wyant has been a member of the National Committee on Justice Efficiencies and Access to the Justice System since 2003 and presently co-Chairs that Committee. He is the past Chair of the Canadian Council of Chief Judges and presently serves as its Executive Director. He was a founding member and past Chair of the Steering Committee for the National Symposium on Criminal Justice Reform.

As Chief Judge, Judge Wyant led the successful Provincial Court Domestic Violence Front End Project which won the 2005 Gold Award for Innovation from the Institute of Public Administration of Canada and received international recognition when the Front End Project won a 2006 United Nations Public Service Award.

Judge Wyant has been actively involved in continuing legal education across Canada. He has spoken and consulted across Canada and internationally on such issues as judicial ethics, justice reform, intimate partner violence and change management and for many years participated in an open line radio program on justice and the law. Judge Wyant has been honoured as a Fellow of The University of Winnipeg, a recipient of Queen Elizabeth the Second's Golden Jubilee Medal and a Jurist of Robson Hall.

In 2014, Judge Wyant elected to become a Senior Judge of the Manitoba Court and fully retired in October 2024. Since he left full-time judging, he has consulted on a number of projects including a contract with the United Nations revising and reforming the Judicial Code of Ethics and Discipline Procedure for Judges in Ethiopia as well as developing a Judicial Ethics Curriculum for the Ethiopian Judiciary. Amongst other projects, he completed a report for the Province of Ontario on Bail and Remand and a review of Bail Reports in the Province of Saskatchewan. Judge Wyant has taught both Ethics and Criminal Law at the University of Manitoba Law School and presently teaches Advocacy at the Law School.