

Media Release: Grace Hession David appointed as Information and Privacy Commissioner of Saskatchewan.

REGINA, Sask., April 30, 2025. – The Honourable Todd Goudy, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, announced today that the Legislative Assembly unanimously adopted a motion to appoint Grace Hession David, B.A. (Hons.), LL.B., M.L.I.S., as Information and Privacy Commissioner of Saskatchewan; pursuant to subsection 38(1) of *The Freedom of Information and Privacy Act*. Grace Hession David will take office effective May 1, 2025.

Ms. Hession David's professional journey is marked by her diverse roles including Office of the Chief Coroner, Coroner for the Province of Saskatchewan; Senior Appellate Counsel at the Ministry of the Attorney General, Saskatchewan Prosecutions; Enforcement Counsel at the Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority, Saskatchewan; Crown Attorney at the Guns and Gangs Unit, Ministry of the Attorney General of Ontario; Litigation Lawyer at Hunt Partners LLP; and Independent Adjudicative Counsel at the Ontario Securities Commission.

Notably, she has also demonstrated her leadership skills as the Manager of Corporate Governance at the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan. In addition to her professional roles, she shares her knowledge through bi-annual educational seminars with the Provincial Court Judges in Saskatchewan.

Ms. Hession David is a recipient of many awards; 2020 Guns and Gangs Excellence Award Ministry of the Attorney General in Ontario; Sandra Garvie Legal Memorial Fund Awarded by the Legal Resource Centre, Edmonton for work in public legal education and research; and Buchanan Boemly Trust Book Award awarded by the University of Saskatchewan Department of History for academic achievement.

Ms. Hession David is a published author. Her writings include *Prosecuting and Defending Fraud Cases*, 2021 Emond Publications Grace Hession David, Justice Ian Smith, and Jonathan Shime (2nd edition). The recent edition of her book, available October 2025, includes a brand-new chapter on cyber fraud.

The Information and Privacy Commissioner oversees three Saskatchewan Statutes: *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP), *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (LA FOIP) and *The Health Information Protection Act* (HIPA) which establish the access to information and privacy rights of citizens.

Speaker Goudy says, "I would like to congratulate Grace Hession David on her appointment to the role of Information and Privacy Commissioner and welcome her as an Officer of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan."

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