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NEW CHIEF JUSTICE APPOINTED TO COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH

Justice Martel D. Popescul to become Chief Justice effective January 1, 2012

The Honourable Martel D. Popescul was appointed Chief Justice of the Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench Friday by Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Mr. Justice Popescul will replace current Chief Justice R.D. Laing, who has elected supernumerary status effective January 1, 2012.

Mr. Justice Popescul was appointed to the Court of Queen's Bench in 2006, sitting in Saskatoon. Prior to joining the Court, he was a partner with Sanderson Balicki Popescul in Prince Albert and his main practice areas were family law, criminal law, civil litigation and arbitration.

Mr. Justice Popescul received his Bachelor of Laws from the University of Saskatchewan in 1979 and was admitted to the Saskatchewan Bar in 1980. He was appointed to the rank of Queen's Counsel federally in 1992 and provincially in 2000. He was a bencher with the Law Society of Saskatchewan from 1998 to 2003, and president of the society in 2001.

As an active member of his community, Mr. Justice Popescul has been Chair of the Victoria Hospital Foundation and Governor of the Prince Albert Raiders Hockey Club.

The appointment is effective January 1, 2012.

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