

Voula Karlaftis, BA(Hons), LLB Public Representative

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Biography



Voula Karlaftis holds a law degree (LLB) from the University of Manitoba (1997) and a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree in political studies (1994).

Voula began her career as a civil litigator in private practice with the firm of Phillips Aiello. In 2005, she joined the Department, where she has represented Canada in a wide variety of complex high profile cases. She has appeared in all levels of court in Manitoba, the Federal Court and the Federal Court of Appeal representing key clients such as the RCMP, Health Canada and the Department of National Defence.

In 2015, Voula was appointed Regional Director and General Counsel, Aboriginal Law Services, responsible for overseeing the provision of legal services by the Department of Justice on matters touching on Indigenous law in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. In 2018, she was appointed Deputy Regional Director General of the Prairie Region.

Voula has a strong commitment to professional excellence. From 2006-2008, she taught Civil Procedure at the University of Manitoba's Law School – where she continues to participate in outreach activities, including lecturing on articling interviews and working at the Department of Justice, and as an organizing committee member of the Pitblado lectures, *Pimoh téwin tati minowastánowahk (Journey to Reconciliation): Lawyers Called to Action*. Voula is also an active volunteer in the larger Winnipeg community, and is particularly proud of having served as a past Board Member of the St. Mary's Academy School Board, and as a council member on the United Way of Winnipeg GenNext Council.