

Wil Hedges, BA, BTh, JD Public Representative

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Region: Capital

Biography



Wil Hedges is a family lawyer practicing in Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario in the field of family law and child protection. As such, he has gained an appreciation for the critical nature of the role social workers have in the lives of their clients. He has observed that a positive relationship between social workers and clients can beneficially impact outcomes for families.

He is currently working with Norwest Coop Community Health's family violence team providing free legal advice to women who have experienced family violence and are exploring their legal options. He is a panel member with Legal Aid Manitoba, Legal Aid Ontario and the Office of the Children's Lawyer in Ontario. Wil is also currently working with the University of Winnipeg's Human Rights and Diversity office assisting with conflict resolution and the screening of complaints within the University community.

Wil and his partner (a social work Educator) have three kids who keep them busy, but in case that's not enough, they also have three dogs and a cat.

Prior to his call to the bar in 2013 in Ontario and Manitoba, Wil worked as a non-social worker child protection worker. As a current member of a different professional college, Wil sees the benefits associated with professional membership.

Wil previously sat on the first MCSW board of directors for its first 6 years. He is happy to be back.