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Introduction

I believe in strong communities. I am dedicated to leadership and to working with others to strengthen organizations that provide service to the community. My work includes my election to our provincial legislature as an MLA and cabinet minister, my profession as a school psychologist and my volunteer service on community boards in areas of culture and the arts, health care, education and heritage.

Professional Background

- Bachelors and Masters level degrees from University of Toronto
- Certified School Psychologist Manitoba
- **Lecturer** – The University of Manitoba, Dept of family Studies: Human Development and Behavior (1975),(1984-5), (2001)
- **Lecturer** – Misericordia Hospital School of Nursing: Human development (1976 – 1979)
- **School Psychologist** – Child Guidance Clinic: (1981 – 1988)
- **Radio Host** – CJOB Radio: daily radio show: The Personal Helpline (1986)
- **Provincial Chair** – Task force on Literacy (1988 – 1989)
- **Law Student** – University of Manitoba Law School (1988 – 1990)

MLA & Cabinet Minister (1990 – 1999)

Elected Member of Legislative Assembly (Filmon Government) - **MLA Fort Garry** (1990 - 1999)

- Provincial Chair – Task force *War on Drugs*

Cabinet Position - **Minister of Education and Training** (1992 -1993)

- Commissioned the “*Roblin Report*” on Colleges and Universities – which redefined post-secondary education in accessibility, and administration and finance
- Commissioned the “*Monin Report*” on the formation of a Francophone school division; report led to the development of the Francophone School Division in Manitoba
- Commissioned the “*Norrie Report*” – an examination of the amalgamation of school divisions in Manitoba; formed the basis of voluntary amalgamation in Manitoba
- Oversaw the movement to Board Governance for all community colleges in Manitoba

Cabinet Position - **Minister of Justice and Attorney General** (1993 -1997)

- Legislation on *Parental Responsibility*
- First *Community Notification Process* for release of violent offenders in Canada
- Revised *Maintenance Enforcement Policy*
- Youth justice initiatives: eg: full 12 months year round education in youth facilities
- Work with federal provincial ministers; Vodrey amendment to criminal Code of Canada relating to notification of victims on release of ‘stalkers’ from custody

Cabinet Position - **Minister for the Status of Women (1993 -1999)**

- Cell phone program for women at risk and in need of immediate assistance where restraining orders are breached
- “Power Up” Women’s Computer Training for employment and economic security

Cabinet Position - **Minister of Culture, Heritage and Citizenship (1997 -1999)**

- *Manitoba Arts Council* - Minister responsible for the council including all appointments
- *Arts & Cultural groups* - Minister responsible for support to all *Arts & Cultural groups* in Manitoba, professional and community including performing arts, visual arts, writers, film & sound movie industry and music industry
- Responsible for capital support for the Winnipeg Art Gallery and the Winnipeg Centennial Concert Hall
- *Heritage Initiatives* - Minister responsible for the provincial funding according to criteria
- Minister responsible for all *Community Places grants* according to criteria
- *Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection Act (FIPPA)* - Introduced Manitoba Legislation
- Minister responsible for *Multiculturalism & Citizenship* in Manitoba
 - Concluded the Federal-Provincial Agreement for the Provincial Nominee Program for employment

Cabinet Position - **Minister of the Treasury Board (1993 -1999)**

- Responsible for scrutiny, approval and recommendations to cabinet of government spending

Board Memberships & Community Involvements

Current:

- *Canada Council for the Arts* – Board member – Canada’s national, arms-length arts funding agency
- *Misericordia Health Centre* – Board Member – Quality, Patient Safety & Risk Management Committee
- *Misericordia Health Centre* – Board Member – Audit & Finance Committee

Past Highlights

- *Royal Winnipeg Ballet* – Board member and Committee’s – include Government relations and the RWB School
- *Western Canada Aviation Museum* – Fundraising Committee
- *Manitoba Theatre Centre* – Production Committee
- *Manitoba Theatre for Young People* – New facilities committee
- *Manitoba association of School Psychologists* – Committee of Founders
- *Misericordia Health Centre Foundation* – Executive and Secretary treasurer
- *St. John’s Ravenscourt School Board* – Lower school committee and advisor to the Principal as a school psychologist
- *University of Manitoba Capital Campaign* – Co-chair of the Faculty of Human Ecology Campaign and member of the cabinet
- **Awarded** – Canada’s 125th Anniversary Commemorative Medal for contribution to Canada in 1992.
- **Mentoring** – provide guidance to young women in career decision making and *Women in Politics*