

MARK R. VANSTONE

PERSONAL PROFILE

OVERVIEW:

Mark Vanstone is an associate lawyer with Wallace Meschishnick Clackson Zawada in Saskatoon, Canada. His prior legal experience includes counsel work in the Provincial Courts for Alberta and Saskatchewan, the Court of Queen's Bench and Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan, in these areas:

- **Family Law** – Including custody and access, divorce, property division, pensions, support and maintenance, enforcement of court orders, restraining orders, common-law relationship issues, Family Services matters, guardianship and adoptions.
- **Civil Litigation** – Including complex litigation involving negligence, negligent misrepresentation, insurance cases (for both plaintiffs and defendants), breach of contract, personal injury, wrongful dismissal, debtor-creditor, citizenship and immigration, and contested estate matters.
- **Criminal Law** – Criminal code offences including assault, sexual assault, impaired driving & '.08' cases, criminal negligence, domestic violence, dangerous driving, drug-related matters including trafficking and possession, extradition, theft, firearms, outstanding warrants, cases involving search and seizure, arbitrary detention and rights to counsel. Also including offences under Liquor and Gaming, Highways & Transportation, Traffic Safety Acts.

SOLICITOR AND TRIBUNAL WORK

- **Real Estate** – Including residential and commercial purchase and sale, re-financing and debt consolidation.
- **Tribunals** – Including counsel work and appearances before the following authorities:
 - North Battleford Water Inquiry
 - Office of the Rentalsman
 - Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission (Securities Commission)

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Current Positions

- Chair, Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission Appeal Committee
- Editor, *The Advocate* (quarterly legal periodical of the STLA)
- Executive member of Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
- Volunteer with Pro-Bono Students Canada – Community Legal Assistance Services for Saskatoon Inner-City Inc. (CLASSIC)

Past Positions

- Assistant Coach of U. of S. Law Western Cup moot team (2005-2006)
- District Governor, Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association (2000-2002)
- Chair of STLA Spring Conference Committee (2000-2002)
- Academic Vice-President, Law Students Association, U of S. (1993-1994)

Selected Education Programs & Conferences

Civil Litigation & Professional Development

- Expert Witness Trial Advocacy College, May 5 & 6, 2011
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association (Lectures and Workshop)
- Appellate Advocacy Teleconference, April 14, 2011
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
- The 2011 CBA Mid-Winter Meeting, February 3 & 4, 2011
Canadian Bar Association (Sask.)
- The New Summary Judgment Rules Teleconference, January 27, 2011
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
- Practice Management, December 9, 2010
In-house seminar WMCZ Lawyers & Mediators
- Court of Appeal: eCourt and Rule Changes, November 5, 2010
Law Society of Saskatchewan
- Buy-Sell Provisions in Shareholders Agreements, October 20, 2010
In-house seminar WMCZ Lawyers & Mediators
- Harmonized Sales Tax, September 29, 2010
In-house seminar WMCZ Lawyers & Mediators
- Critical Steps in the Litigation Process, May 14, 2010
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
- The 2010 CBA Mid-Winter Meeting, February 4 & 5, 2010
Canadian Bar Association (Sask.)
- Technology: Solutions to Improve Your Law Practice, Fall, 2008
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association

- STLA Expert Witness Trial Advocacy College, May 2, 2008
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association (Lectures and Workshop)
- Employment Law In a Non-Union Environment, May, 2007
Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc.
- Administrative Law, April 27, 2007
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
- Exceptional Court Room Performance, November 17, 2006
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
- States of Mind, Spring, 2006
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
- Simplified Procedure, September, 2005
Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc.
- Media and the Law, Spring, 2005
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
- From Rhetoric to Re-Examinations: Essential Litigation Topics, Fall, 2004
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
- Ethics, Confidentiality and PIPEDA / File Management for Legal Support Staff,
June, 2004
Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc.
- Trial Tips and Technics, Inquiries and Inquests, Spring, 2004
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
- Maximizing Opportunities: Using Examinations for Discovery Effectively,
May, 2004
Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc.
- Appellate Practice and Advocacy, Fall, 2003
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
- Mastering Trials, Spring, 2003
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
- Strategic Legal Writing, May, 2003
Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc.
- Production of Documents, May, 2003
Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc.
- Mega Files, Mega Trials and Reviled Clients, Fall, 2002
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
- Trial by Paper: Preparing Effective Affidavits Under Part 40, May, 2002
Saskatchewan Legal Educations Society Inc.
- Civil Practice Update, April, 2002
Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc.

- Suing the Pros: A Professional Negligence Action, Spring, 2002
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
- Class Actions and Collaborative Lawyering, Fall, 2001
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
- Civil / Criminal Evidence Update, October, 2001
Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc.
- Loss Prevention: Practice Management, May, 2001
Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc.
- Interest – Based Negotiation Training, April, 2001
Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc.
- Expert Evidence Essentials, Spring, 2001
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
- Negotiating to Win, April 7, 2000
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
- Legal Conundrums and Practical Solutions, Spring, 1999
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
- Disasters and Dilemmas: Problems at Trial, Spring, 1998
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
- Pre-Trial Conference – Effective Practice March 21, 1997
Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc.
- 1997 Conference: Practice Before the Courts, Fall, 1997
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
- Loss Prevention Conference, December, 1995
Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc.

Family & Matrimonial

- Divisions of Pensions Webinar, April 12, 2011
The Law Society of Saskatchewan
- Essential Family Law Skills for Success, January 14, 2011
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
- Update on Custody and Access Issues, May 7, 2010
Law Society of Saskatchewan
- Family Property Division, Teleseminar, October 15, 2009
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
- Current Trends and Understanding Financial and Taxation Issues in Family Law, November 23, 2007
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
- Using the New Family Law Rules, November, 2001
Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc.

- Understanding Financial Statements, September, 2001
Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc.
- Family Law Conference, Economic and Parenting Consequences of Separation and Divorce, April, 2000
Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc.
- Advising the “Common-law Relationship” Client, April, 1999
Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc.
- Child Support Guidelines Update, May 1998
Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc.
- Family Law Update – Child Support and Related Issues, November, 1996
Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc.

Criminal Defence

- Arguing Against Conviction: New Summary Judgment Rules, January 27, 2011
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
- .08 Update Teleseminar, October 18, 2010
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
- Criminal Law, Spring, 2009
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
- Recent Developments in Criminal Law, October, 2006
Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc.
- Fraud and Sexual Assault Update, Fall, 2005
Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Associations
- Criminal Law Essentials, May, 2002
Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc.
- Civil / Criminal Evidence Update, October, 2001
Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc.
- Criminal Law Snapshots, December, 2000
Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc.
- National Criminal Law Program (1998: Victoria, B.C.), [ed.], *National Criminal Law Program, The Federation of Law Societies of Canada*, Victoria, B.C.: Federation of Law Societies, 1998
- Updates in Criminal Law, May, 1997
Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc.
- National Criminal Law Program: Substantive Criminal Law (1996: Winnipeg, Man.), [ed.], *National Criminal Law Program, The Federation of Law Societies of Canada*, Winnipeg (Manitoba): Federation of Law Societies, 1996
- The Charter and the Criminal Law, April, 1996
Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc.

Selected Papers and Projects

- A Guide to (Not) Driving and Driving, 2010 *Saskatchewan Business Magazine*
- Numerous editorials and by-lines in *The Saskatchewan Advocate* as well as the following selections:
 - December, 2000, The Elusive “Stay”- Widening the Availability of a Judicial Stay of Proceedings, *The Saskatchewan Advocate*
 - September, 2002, Spring Conference Report, *The Saskatchewan Advocate*
 - December 2002, Mega Trials, Mega Files and Reviled Clients, *The Saskatchewan Advocate*
 - September, 2003, Queen’s Bench Practice Tips: “When in Rome” (M. Vanstone & T. Chornoby) *The Saskatchewan Advocate*
 - March, 2004, Have Conflict? Must Travel!, *The Saskatchewan Advocate*
 - June, 2004, Trial Tips and Techniques, Inquires and Inquests, *The Saskatchewan Advocate*
 - March, 2005, Vehicle Stops in Saskatchewan – “Preventative Policing” Meets Arbitrary Detention, *The Saskatchewan Advocate*
 - September, 2007, Vehicle Stops in Saskatchewan – “Preventative Policing, Part 2, *The Saskatchewan Advocate*
 - March, 2008, Changes to Simplified Procedure: Second Iteration, *The Saskatchewan Advocate*
 - June, 2008, Spring Conference Report, *The Saskatchewan Advocate*
 - September, 2008, Smoke Signals – Odour of Burned Marijuana, *The Saskatchewan Advocate*
 - March, 2009, Rough Terrain: Liability Issues for Snowmobilers in Saskatchewan, *The Saskatchewan Advocate*
 - June, 2010, Spring Conference / 25th Anniversary Summary, *The Saskatchewan Advocate*
- Paper presented at 1996 National Criminal Law Conference, Federation of Law Societies of Canada. S. Halyk & M. Vanstone, *Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicles*

Awards and Recognition

- ‘Featured Lawyer’ in Pro-Bono Law Saskatchewan ‘Spotlight’ (2009)
- Durward Thomas Price in Civil Procedure (1994) College of Law, University of Saskatchewan

- Hannon Scholarship (1989) College of Arts and Science, University of Saskatchewan
- Television interviews on CBC, Global News and Canada AM, and radio interviews with John Gormley, News Talk 650, and Charles Adler of the Corus Radio Network