

## **Backgrounder – Biographical Information:**

### **Ken McDonald**

Ken is currently semi-retired and resides on his ranch near Indian Head, Saskatchewan. Over the course of his distinguished career, he has contributed extensively to the province's agricultural and regulatory sectors through leadership roles on numerous boards and committees.

Ken served for 10 years on the Board of Directors of the Farm Land Security Board of Saskatchewan, including four years as Chair, where he played a key role in overseeing land use and ownership regulations. He also recently completed a decade-long term as a board member of the Surface Rights Board of Arbitration for Saskatchewan, providing guidance on land access and compensation matters.

In addition to his regulatory work, Ken has held prominent industry leadership positions, including serving as President of both the Saskatchewan Cattle Feeders Association and the Saskatchewan Auctioneers Association. His longstanding commitment to agricultural advocacy and governance has made a lasting impact on the sector.

### **Deron Kuski, K.C.**

Deron is a Partner at MLT Aikins, where he has practiced law since 1997. With a career spanning nearly three decades, Deron has built a reputation for excellence in dispute resolution and litigation, including involvement in several high-profile and complex cases - most notably, the longest civil trial in Saskatchewan's history.

Deron's litigation experience extends to commercial litigation, construction litigation, constitutional law, and all aspects of creditor and commercial leasing law. His broad legal expertise and commitment to client-focused solutions make him a trusted advisor in both private and public sector matters.

### **Curt Chickoski**

Curt is an accomplished agricultural business leader with a longstanding commitment to Saskatchewan's rural economy and public service. Following studies in Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan, Curt became a partner in Martens Ranch Ltd. in 1975 and has since owned and managed both Martens Ranch Ltd. and MCM Ranching Ltd. - cattle and horse operations.

In addition to business leadership, Curt has contributed significantly to provincial governance and agricultural policy. Notable appointments include serving as a local supervisor for the feeder association (1990–2018), a member of the AgriStability Appeal Board (2009), and a representative on the Swift Current Creek Watershed Board since 2006. From 2010 to 2025, Curt served on the

SaskEnergy Board of Directors, actively participating in the Governance and Social Responsibility, Human Resources and Safety, and Business Development