

## **Kevin Fenwick**

### **Saskatchewan Ombudsman**



Kevin Fenwick has been Ombudsman for the Province of Saskatchewan since October 1, 2004. He works with a staff of twenty in Regina and Saskatoon to resolve and investigate complaints from the public against provincial government departments, boards, commissions, and agencies.

As Ombudsman, Kevin brings a proactive approach to fairness. In addition to taking individual complaints, the office now does more systemic reports, which resolve issues for entire groups of people. He also offers fair practices workshops so government can learn more about fairness and apply it in their service to the public.

Before becoming Ombudsman, Kevin was trained as a lawyer. A graduate of the University of Saskatchewan, he practiced law in a private law office for fifteen years. Kevin began working as a mediator and facilitator in 1987 and from 1991 until 2004 he worked with The Dispute Resolution Office and the Mediation Services branch of Saskatchewan Justice as a Staff Mediator and Dispute Resolution Consultant. Since 1993 he has also provided conflict resolution and mediation training to others. Kevin was designated as Queen's Counsel for the Province of Saskatchewan in 2005.

Kevin has facilitated and mediated in a wide range of areas including family, civil/commercial, victim/offender, workplace, collective bargaining and grievances. In addition to training others in conflict resolution, his mediation and facilitation practice concentrated on large-scale and multi-party facilitation, strategic planning, and effecting change in organizations. A significant portion of Kevin's work has been with First Nations.

After working in the Court system and various arbitration models for many years, Kevin believes strongly that mediation and collaborative interest based problem solving are appropriate alternatives. He subscribes to the ethical standards of the professional organizations to which he belongs, including Conflict Resolution Saskatchewan and Conflict Resolution Network Canada.