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## The Access to Justice Needs of Manitobans: Legal Practitioners' Views

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This survey is part of a research study, conducted by Professor Gerard Kennedy of the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Law and the Manitoba Access to Justice Coordinator, with the support of the Law Society of Manitoba. Its purpose is to garner legal professionals' views on the Legal Service Needs of Manitobans. The answers will be kept confidential. They will be stored on password-protected computers and destroyed within six months of the latest publication to result from the survey and, in any event, no later than July 1, 2025. Intended publications are one report by the Law Society of Manitoba, the other a peer-reviewed publication in the *Manitoba Law Journal*. The first of these two publications will be disseminated by the Law Society of Manitoba. The survey involves answering a series of 46 questions and will take approximately 15 minutes. There are minimal risks involved in the survey and the benefits will be providing data so that judges and policymakers can best tailor interventions. Professor Kennedy will not be able to track participants' IP addresses or email addresses.

This survey is presented using the American website "Survey Monkey". As such, responses are subject to American laws. Risks associated with participation are minimal and are similar to those associated with many email and social media websites such as Hotmail and Facebook. Any answers to open-ended questions may result in direct, anonymous quotations. Participants will be anonymized through a naming system following a convention of P1, P2, *etc.* (for Participant 1, Participant 2, *etc.*).

Participation in this survey is voluntary. You may cease answering the survey at any time with no consequences. You may also decline to answer any question. Willingness to complete the survey will serve as evidence of your informed consent to participate in the survey. Clicking "next" will indicate consent to participate. A "submit" button indicates completion. If you click "submit", you consent to having any questions you answered recorded.

Some data and information from this study may be sent outside of the University of Manitoba to other researchers, organizations, or made publicly available. This is for further analysis, testing, as part of the research study, or a requirement by a granting agency or journal. Any information sent out of the University of Manitoba will not show your name or address, or any other identifiable personal information about you. However, despite efforts to keep your personal information confidential, absolute confidentiality cannot be guaranteed. Your personal information may be disclosed if required by law.

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