Biographical Sketch – John W. Phelps

John Phelps is a fourth generation Yukoner who obtained a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Saskatchewan in 1997 and returned to the Yukon to article, becoming a member of the Law Societies of B.C. and the Yukon in 1998. He worked in private practice until January of 2003 when he joined the Department of Justice Canada as a prosecutor. He is presently employed with the Public Prosecution Service of Canada as the Chief Federal Prosecutor, Yukon Region. He was a member of the Executive of the Yukon Branch of the CBA from 2001 through 2005, sitting on the National Board in 2004-2005. Since 2006 John has been a member of the Executive of the Law Society of Yukon. He was the President of the Law Society of Yukon from 2012 to 2015 and is currently on the Executive as the Past-President and represents the Yukon on the Federation of Law Societies Council. He is the Chair of the Federation of Law Societies Litigation Committee and a member on the Federation of Law Societies Standing Committee on the Model Code of Conduct. He is the Chair of the Yukon Capability and Consent Board, which hears matters under the Mental Health Act and the Care Consent Act, a position he has held since 2003. In April, 2018, John was appointed to the Yukon College Board of Governors.