



## **THE ADVOCATES' SOCIETY WELCOMES NEW CEO VICKI WHITE**

June 22, 2018 (Toronto) - The Advocates' Society's Executive Committee is pleased to announce Vicki White's appointment as the Society's Chief Executive Officer. Ms. White replaces Executive Director Alexandra M. Chyczij, who retired at the end of May, 2018 after 25 years of service. Ms. White has been the Co-Director of the Legal Office at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario since 2009. In that role, she was a member of the senior management team that led the College's team of 27 lawyers and legal staff. Previously, Ms. White was counsel at the College for five years, from 2004. Earlier in her legal career, Ms. White was a litigation associate at Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP. She was called to the bar in 1998, after clerking for the Honourable Justice Peter deCarteret Cory at the Supreme Court of Canada. Ms. White obtained her LL.B. from the University of Ottawa and was honoured with numerous awards, including the Silver Medal.

"My colleagues on the Executive Committee and I are delighted that Vicki White has chosen to join The Advocates' Society as its Chief Executive Officer at this very important time in the Society's evolution," said Brian Gover, President of The Advocates' Society. "Our membership – now numbering over 6,000 advocates across Canada – will be very well served through her leadership."

"I am looking forward to working alongside the volunteers and staff of the Society who are so committed to improving access to justice and the quality of advocacy across the country," said Ms. White. "I am both honoured and excited by the opportunity to lead the organization as it continues to serve its members and the justice system in times of rapid and significant change."

Ms. White will commence her duties at The Advocates' Society on July 23, 2018. Under the Society's By-Law, she will be responsible for implementing the Society's strategic plans and priorities, and, subject to the authority of the Board of Directors, for general supervision of the Society's affairs.

The Advocates' Society is a professional association for advocates with over 6,000 members from the bench and bar across Canada. The Society is Canada's premier provider of advocacy skills training. The Society plays a prominent role in contributing to justice reform initiatives, and in preserving and strengthening the position of advocates and the rights of the public.

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