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Kanuka Thuringer LLP  
BARRISTERS & SOLICITORS





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## **CELEBRATE WITH US**

In addition to marking Saskatchewan's centennial, 2005 also marks the 50th anniversary of the law firm known today as Kanuka Thuringer LLP. Originally known as MacPherson, Neuman, and Pierce, the firm has gone through many changes over the past 50 years as it has grown from a one-man firm to its present size of about thirty lawyers serving clients throughout Saskatchewan and beyond.

In an age when people no longer stay with one employer for life, we are proud that the majority of the firm's partners joined us either right out of law school or very early in their careers. This commitment by our lawyers has been a key factor in our success.

The past 50 years have seen many changes in the way that business is conducted, and not surprisingly the needs of our clients have changed over time as well. The firm's practice has evolved to accommodate those changing needs, and will continue to evolve over the next 50 years.

The following pages are a brief look back at the history and development of our firm. It has been a great privilege to serve our clients over the last 50 years, and we look forward to continuing to do so. We invite you to celebrate with us!

Kanuka Thuringer LLP





MacPherson



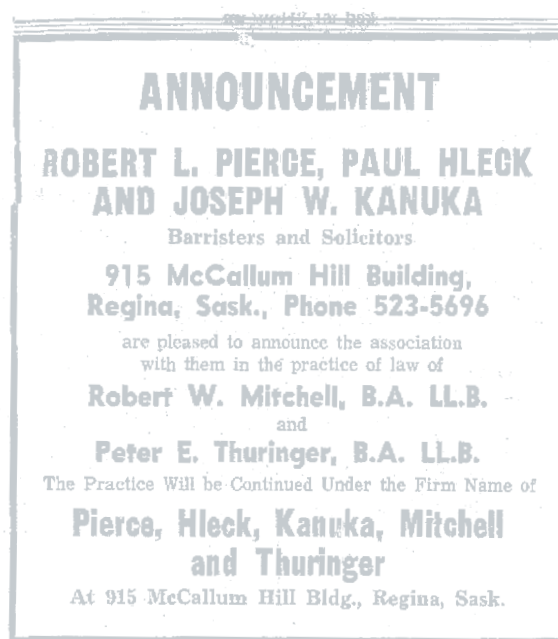
Neuman



Pierce

## HISTORICAL TIMELINE

In 1955, Murdoch Alexander (Sandy) MacPherson Jr. left his father's firm. He was soon joined by Mel Neuman and Robert Lorne Pierce. Together, these three lawyers who were born and raised in Saskatchewan founded the firm that would eventually become Kanuka Thuringer LLP.



1950s  
Oil pipeline linking Regina to oil fields in Alberta established

1955  
Tommy Douglas is Premier of Saskatchewan

Louis St. Laurent is Prime Minister of Canada

1955  
**MacPherson, Neuman, & Pierce**

### 1955-56

1955  
The firm's original office is in Westman Chambers on Rose St

1956  
The firm moves its offices to 915 McCallum Hill Building

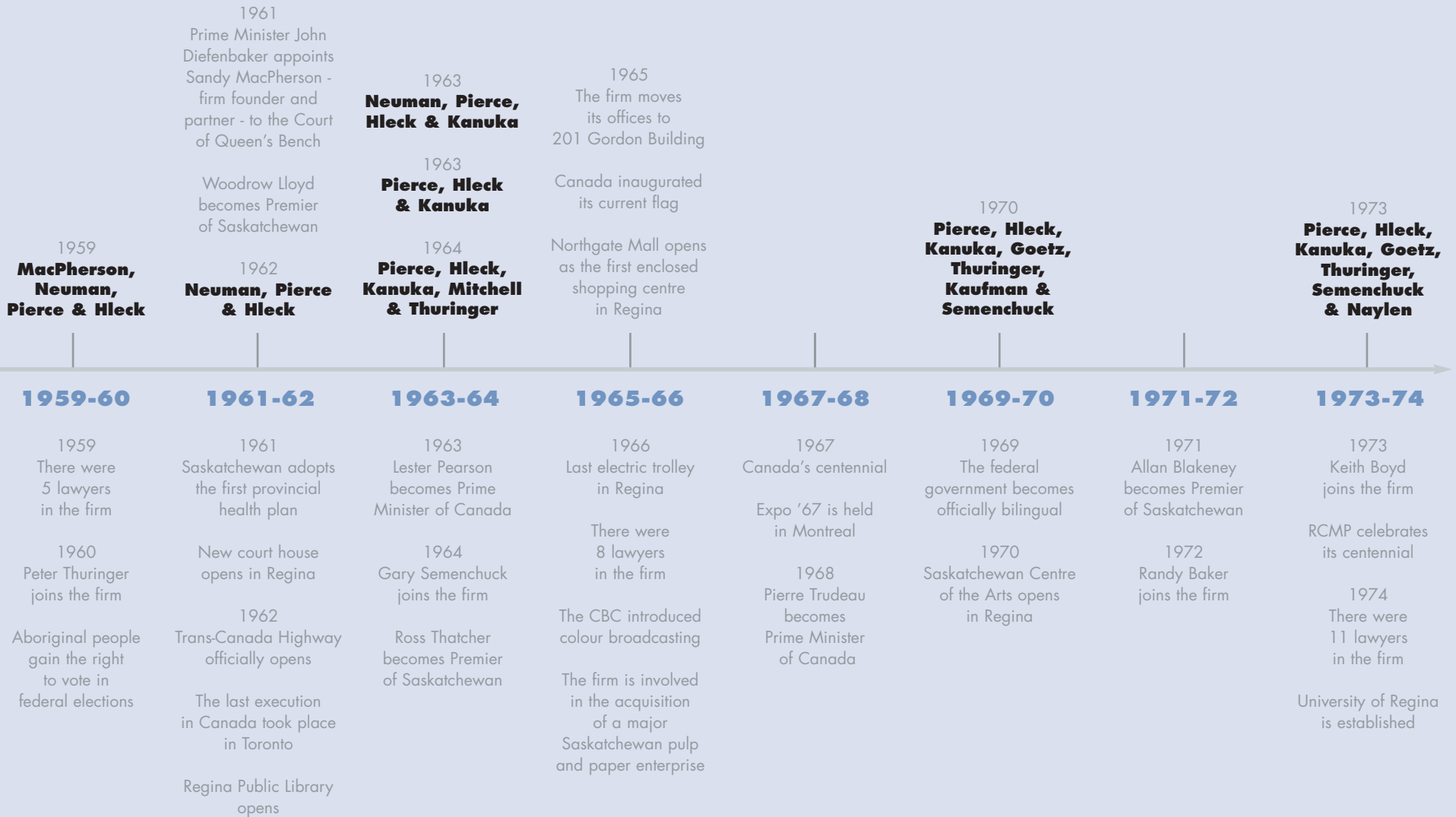
Paul Hleck becomes the first articling student with the firm

### 1957-58

1957  
Natural gas service arrives in Regina

John Diefenbaker becomes Prime Minister of Canada

1958  
Joe Kanuka joins the firm



*Hleck, Kanuka, Thuringer, Semenchuck, Sandomirsky, Boyd & Baker*

Barristers and Solicitors



<p>1975 <b>Hleck, Kanuka, Goetz, Thuringer, Semenchuck &amp; Naylen</b></p>	<p>1977 <b>Hleck, Kanuka, Thuringer, Semenchuck, Sandomirsky, Boyd &amp; Baker</b></p>	<p>1979 <b>Hleck, Kanuka, Thuringer, Semenchuck &amp; Naylen</b></p>	<p>1981 The firm moves its offices to Chestermere Plaza (now North Canadian Oils Building)</p> <p>Warren Sproule and Diana Lee join the firm</p>	<p>1983 Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau appoints former firm partner John (Jack) Goetz to the Tax Court of Canada</p> <p>1984 John Turner becomes Prime Minister of Canada</p> <p>Brian Mulroney becomes Prime Minister of Canada</p>	<p>Mid-1980's The firm is involved in the establishment of the Lloydminster and Regina oil upgraders</p> <p>1985 Murray Douglas joins the firm</p> <p>The firm is involved in the creation of Innovation Place in Saskatoon</p>	<p>1987 First horizontal oil well in Saskatchewan is drilled</p> <p>1988 The Co-op Heavy Oil Upgrader in Regina begins operation</p>	<p>1989 The Saskatchewan Roughriders win the Grey Cup</p>
1975-76	1977-78	1979-80	1981-82	1983-84	1985-86	1987-88	1989-90
<p>1976 Laurance Yakimowski joins the firm</p> <p>Canada abolished the death penalty</p>	<p>1977 Carol-Anne Cockburn joins the firm</p> <p>1978 Hugh Gabruch joins the firm</p>	<p>1979 Joe Clark becomes Prime Minister of Canada</p> <p>1980 Pierre Trudeau becomes Prime Minister of Canada</p> <p>James Ehmann and Paul Korpan join the firm</p>	<p>1982 There were 16 lawyers in the firm</p> <p>Grant Devine becomes Premier of Saskatchewan</p> <p>The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms is created</p> <p>Bertha Wilson becomes the first woman Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada</p>	<p>1983 Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau appoints former firm partner John (Jack) Goetz to the Tax Court of Canada</p> <p>1984 John Turner becomes Prime Minister of Canada</p> <p>Brian Mulroney becomes Prime Minister of Canada</p>	<p>Mid-1980's The firm is involved in the establishment of the Lloydminster and Regina oil upgraders</p> <p>1985 Murray Douglas joins the firm</p> <p>The firm is involved in the creation of Innovation Place in Saskatoon</p>	<p>1987 First horizontal oil well in Saskatchewan is drilled</p> <p>1988 The Co-op Heavy Oil Upgrader in Regina begins operation</p>	<p>1989 The Saskatchewan Roughriders win the Grey Cup</p>

<p>1991 There were 21 lawyers in the firm</p> <p>Ronald Warsaba joins the firm</p> <p>Roy Romanow becomes Premier of Saskatchewan</p> <p>Former firm partner Bob Mitchell is appointed Minister of Justice for Saskatchewan</p>	<p>1997 The firm is involved in the creation of Regina Research Park</p>	<p>1997 <b>Kanuka Thuringer</b></p>	<p>2001 The firm is involved in the establishment of one of the first major wind power projects in Saskatchewan</p> <p>Elaine Thompson joins the firm</p> <p>Lorne Calvert becomes Premier of Saskatchewan</p>	<p>2003 Prime Minister Jean Chretien appoints firm partner Noel Sandomirsky to the Court of Queen's Bench (Family Law Division)</p> <p>Paul Martin becomes Prime Minister of Canada</p> <p>Robert Magnusson, Micheal McDougall, Jodi Vaughan, Janna Gates and Mark Dolan join the firm</p> <p>2004 <b>Kanuka Thuringer LLP</b></p>
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**1991-92**

1992  
The Regina Dragon Boat Festival begins

Paul Harasen joins the firm

**1993-94**

1993  
Kim Campbell becomes Prime Minister of Canada

Jean Chretien becomes Prime Minister of Canada

1994  
Jeff Brick joins the firm

**1995-96**

1996  
Casino Regina opens

Kelly Ruse, Maura Mahoney and Kirk Nordick join the firm

The firm was counsel in Gordon v. Goetz, a seminal Supreme Court of Canada family law case dealing with mobility rights of custodial parents

**1997-98**

1998  
The firm is involved in the acquisition of one of the first short line railways in Saskatchewan

Sandra Schmirler Rink wins Olympic Gold Medal

Joe Kanuka is inducted into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame

There were 24 lawyers in the firm

**1999-00**

1999  
Keith Kilback joins the firm

2000  
David Flett and Derek Maher join the firm

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**2001-02**

2002  
Prime Minister Jean Chretien appoints firm partner Duane Koch to the Court of Queen's Bench

Joe Kanuka is inducted into the Saskatchewan Transportation Hall of Fame

**2003-04**

2004  
Adam May joins the firm

"The Big Dig" deepening of Wascana Lake occurs

**2005**

2005  
There are now 31 lawyers and students with the firm

To date, the firm has had over 26,000 clients





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## TECHNOLOGY OVER THE YEARS

### Firm Technology in the 1950's

Secretarial rank was evident in whether one had a worn manual typewriter or a shiny new electric typewriter. When more than one copy of a document was needed, the document was either typed out separately for each copy or carbon paper was used. For this reason, secretaries used to go to the library in pairs to proofread their documents.

### Firm Technology in the 1960's

In 1960, the firm sent Joe Kanuka (then a junior lawyer), to Toronto to deliver timely and important legal documents, as there was no courier service to do so at that time. The firm also paid to outfit him in a new suit and a new pair of shoes for his trip!

### Firm Technology in the 1970's

One time a lawyer from out of town phoned and said, "I'll send you a fax." Of course, the firm didn't have a fax machine. "Well then," he said, "I'll send you a teletype." At that time, the firm didn't have a Teletype either. At this point the caller remarked in exasperation, "Do you guys have electricity out there?"





## **TECHNOLOGY OVER THE YEARS**

### **Firm Technology in the 1980's**

Olivetti typewriters with floppy disks became the “word-processors” of the time, and there were two high-speed printers in the office. The first PSII-286 computer cost the firm \$5,000 and the first laser printer cost \$2,500.



### **Firm Technology in the 1990's**

In 1997, voicemail replaced the hand-written telephone message. The firm's computers became networked, which enabled firm-wide communication and better e-filing systems.

### **Firm Technology Today**

Today, technology is a critical business tool for the firm. Every aspect of the firm's business is influenced by technology, ranging from how we handle correspondence, meetings and presentations, to how we assemble documents, to how we conduct legal research. Advances in technology will continue to drive changes in the way we deliver legal services to clients.





The key  
to our firm's  
success is  
the loyalty  
our clients have  
shown to us  
over the years.  
Here is what  
a few of them  
had to say  
about working  
with us.

## CLIENT LOYALTY

"The law firm of Kanuka Thuringer LLP and their predecessor partnerships have been our company's Barristers & Solicitors for virtually all of their fifty years of existence. During this time they have acted for us on countless thousands of agreements that required their knowledge and expertise. They have never disappointed us in regards to their true professionalism and ability to not only protect our interests but also in providing sound counsel and advice in many varying situations.

When I joined our company in 1972 I immediately began working closely with Kanuka Thuringer on many important matters for our company and our shareholders. For over thirty-three years I have been able to progress in my new position largely due to the assistance and knowledge I learned from the partners and staff of Kanuka Thuringer and am forever thankful for not only their assistance but also the valued friendship I made with many of these same partners and staff.

Congratulations Kanuka Thuringer on your first fifty years. I am sure our excellent relationship will continue for many decades into the future."

Tom Shepherd  
Senior Vice President  
Dundee Realty Corporation (formerly Cairns)

"Kanuka Thuringer's oil and gas lawyers provide Profico with local highly effective and cost efficient solutions to our legal and business requirements."

Jeff Lebbert  
Vice President  
Profico Energy Management Ltd.

"PCL Construction Management would like to express our congratulations to Kanuka Thuringer LLP on your 50th anniversary. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your outstanding professionalism and the valuable services you have provided to PCL for the past 35 years. Please accept our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for your continued success."

Mike Corkery  
Administration Manager  
PCL Construction Management



**"I have used Kanuka Thuringer as lawyers for many years. When I am faced with a difficult legal problem, I turn to Kanuka Thuringer because I know I will get an immediate and effective response."**

Clark Sullivan  
Sullivan & Associates Inc.  
Restructuring Advisors

**"The Chiropractors' Association of Saskatchewan has been a long-term client of Kanuka Thuringer. We have seen the firm evolve and grow from a relatively small operation into one of the largest and most prestigious in the province. Despite its growth into a large firm, Kanuka Thuringer has maintained the personal touch with its clients.**

**The CAS also appreciates the firm's thorough knowledge of the law and the professional and ethical manner in which it conducts its business. We would have no hesitation in recommending their services to anyone."**

Jim Stewart  
Executive Director  
Chiropractors' Association of Saskatchewan

**"We have received consistently high quality legal advice from Kanuka Thuringer over the past 18 years. What I like most about the firm is that they think beyond the narrow legal problem at hand, and are focused on finding cost effective solutions to our company's business problems."**

Charles Wilson  
Vice President and General Counsel  
Co-operators Life Insurance Company

**"Over the 40 year history of Audio Warehouse, we have had the privilege of having Kanuka Thuringer as our legal counsel. The guidance and direction Kanuka Thuringer has provided has been invaluable and has, without question, contributed to the success of Audio Warehouse. Despite the fact Kanuka Thuringer has always been extremely efficient and businesslike, they have never lost sight of the human element. Congratulations on this momentous occasion and we look forward to a continued strong relationship over the next 40 years."**

Blair Case  
Audio Warehouse





## CLIENT LOYALTY

**"SPI Marketing Group Inc. has done business with Kanuka Thuringer for over 30 years, during which time our organization has changed dramatically. We have always relied on them for sound advice on a timely basis. Congratulations on your 50th anniversary."**

Larry A. Walker  
SPI Marketing Group Inc.

**"The first time I met them they were on the other side of the table. Now they work for me."**

Cal Murrison  
President, Koenders Windmills Inc.,  
a Saskatchewan based manufacturer

**"The Saskatchewan Trucking Association is confronted with a multitude of regulations and legislation, which at times can have an adverse effect on our industry. The complexity of municipal, provincial and international issues requires our Association to rely on a firm such as Kanuka Thuringer, which has the knowledgeable staff to address such a variety of diverse issues."**

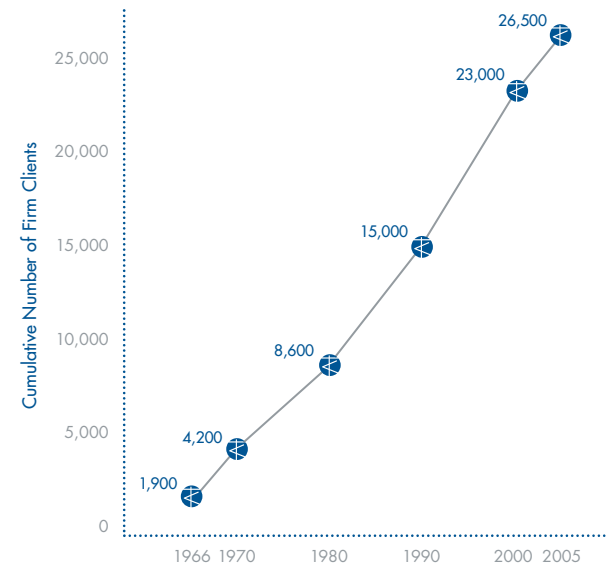
Hank Wolbaum  
Executive Director  
Saskatchewan Trucking Association

**"Since the 1980's Kanuka Thuringer has provided Husky with reliable and timely legal advice. It has been a pleasure dealing with the firm."**

James R. Cook, Manager, Legal Department  
Husky Energy Inc.

**"Kanuka Thuringer has been a long time supporter of the Chinese Community. On behalf of the Regina Chinese Benevolent Association, please accept our congratulations for Kanuka Thuringer's 50th Anniversary."**

Ropez Yu, Sam Gee, Louis Mah, Chow Tai Yee  
Regina Chinese Benevolent Association



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## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### Did you know that members of our firm are or have been:

- President of the Canadian Cancer Society
- Director of the Saskatchewan Roughriders
- Named by Lexpert Magazine and American Lawyer Media as one of the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada
- President of the Law Society of Saskatchewan
- Personal Lawyer to Ross Thatcher
- Chair of the Board of Regents of Campion College
- Chairman and Director of The Globe Theatre Society
- Director of the Canadian Petroleum Law Foundation
- Chair of the Special Advisory Committee to the Minister of Justice on Builders' Liens
- President of the Canadian Transport Lawyers Association
- President of the Regina Rams
- Chairman of Martha House
- Director of the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce
- Director of the Saskatchewan Arts Board
- President of the Regina Bar Association
- President of the Regina Chamber of Commerce
- Members of the Court of Appeal and Queen's Bench Bar Judicial Councils
- Director and Vice President of B'nai Brith Canada
- Chairman of the John Paul II Centre
- Inducted into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame
- Members of the Canadian Tax Foundation
- President of the Regina Women's Network
- Secretary and Treasurer of Queen City Kinsmen Club
- Director of Epilepsy Canada
- President of the Better Business Bureau of Saskatchewan
- Chairman of Access Communications Cooperative Limited





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## **LOOKING FORWARD**

We hope that you have enjoyed this brief retrospective on the history of our firm. If you are currently a client of the firm or have been a client of the firm in the past, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the trust you have placed in us over the past 50 years. Rest assured that we will work hard to honour that trust over the next 50.



**CELEBRATING FIFTY YEARS**



For information about our services, please visit our website at [www.kanukathuringer.com](http://www.kanukathuringer.com) or contact any one of our lawyers.  
We would be pleased to discuss on a confidential basis how we may be of assistance to you.



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