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Erin McKey graduated from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law in 1990 and was called to the Bar in 1992. Following this, she began her career as a prosecutor with Canada's Department of Justice. Ms. McKey is currently General Counsel and Director with the Criminal Law Policy Section of the Department of Justice. The Criminal Law Policy Section is the federal government's centre of expertise for criminal law and criminal justice policy. The Section supports the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada throughout Cabinet and Parliamentary processes; its responsibilities include policy development, instructing the drafting of criminal legislation reforms and monitoring the progress of legislation. The Section also helps the Minister maintain relationships and collaborate with provincial and territorial partners, and international partners, as well as key stakeholders, to advance priorities of common interest in the area of criminal justice

Throughout her career, Ms. McKey's focus has been on criminal law and in particular on the transnational aspects of criminal law and crime. At the international level, she has represented Canada at a wide variety of criminal justice-related forum, including the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, meetings of the Quintet of Attorneys General, the G7, the Financial Action Task Force, the Council of Europe, the Commonwealth, the Criminal Justice Forum for Asia and the Pacific, and the Organization of American States. She has chaired the G7 Roma/Lyon Group Criminal and Legal Affairs Subgroup since 2013. Ms. McKey was a part of the Canadian delegation that developed and advanced the resolution on *Equal Access to Justice for All* that was adopted by consensus at the 32nd Session of the UN Commission on Crime Prevention in May 2023.