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Joanne Smart is Senior Legal Counsel of the Alberta Ombudsman office, a position she had held since January 2008. She received her law degree from the University of Calgary, was called to the Alberta Bar in 1995, and has since practiced in both the public and private sectors. She began her career with Alberta Justice, practicing in the areas of civil litigation, environmental and administrative law. She then joined Stantec Consulting Ltd. as in-house regulatory counsel and regulatory consultant providing legal advice on environmental and occupational health and safety issues and a wide range of regulatory consulting services to private and public sector clients. Prior to joining the Alberta Ombudsman's office, Joanne was in-house counsel for Dow Chemical Canada Inc. where her practice focused on contracts, employment, real estate, environmental and occupational health and safety matters. In her current role, Joanne provides legal and strategic advice to the Alberta Ombudsman's office, primarily in the area of administrative law. She resides in Edmonton, Alberta.