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# Former Bellevillian Lynda Templeton named judge

*Has worked as teacher, lawyer and for the Crown*

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A former Belleville lawyer and teacher will be sworn in as a judge of the Ontario Court (General Division) in Milton July 2.

Lynda Templeton, 45, daughter of Belleville resident Alan Payton, is a graduate of Quinte Secondary School.

Her appointment as Madame Justice Templeton follows a varied career since graduating high school which has included teaching, practising law in both Belleville and Hamilton and act-

ing as an assistant Crown attorney.

For post-secondary education she obtained an honors French degree from the University of Western Ontario and a Bachelor of Education at Queen's University, then taught French at both secondary and elementary levels in London and Belleville.

Still pursuing the academic life, she obtained a Master's degree in French from Western in 1981 and in 1984, a law degree, also from Western.

Called to the bar in 1986, she practised with the Belleville law firm of Reynolds-Hunter, where

she had previously articulated until she moved to Hamilton in 1987.

She gave up her private practice in Hamilton, where she worked on family law, civil litigation and criminal law, in 1994 to become an assistant Crown attorney.

She continues to keep track of her many former legal associates and friends and family in Belleville, her father reports.

In an interview, Templeton told a Hamilton Spectator reporter she is excited about becoming a judge mainly because she sees it as an opportunity for service to the community.

"I come from a family where the absolute bottom line was honesty, integrity and giving to others."

Templeton also has a track record of serving on several community organization boards.



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