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Mr. Hesje graduated from the University of Saskatchewan (LL.B. and B.A.) in 1983. He articled to the late former Chief Justice Frederick Johnson and former Chief Justice Mary Batten, of the Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan and was called to the Saskatchewan Bar in 1984. Hesje joined the firm of McKercher McKercher and Whitmore in 1986 and has been a partner since 1990.

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