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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Tuesday, January 21, 2019**

## **WESTOBA HELPING AG COMMUNITY PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE**

**BRANDON, MB** – Back by popular demand, **Westoba Credit Union Ltd.** is excited to host Ag Days speaker John C. Stewart, a farmer, lawyer and expert on commercial law for a second year in a row!

Mr. Stewart will talk about passing down a family-run operation including the important conversations and considerations to think through when transitioning a family farm or business so that legal and financial problems can be avoided later. In addition, he will discuss the importance of insurance, employee relations and the significance of each in any business, regardless of industry.

“All family businesses are unique. Transitioning them has a direct impact on your family, so family law needs to be considered, including who is legally entitled to receive proceeds and who isn’t,” said Stewart.

John Stewart began his farming operation at Poplar Point, Manitoba in 1980 and later began a consulting practice that assisted agricultural businesses that were experiencing financial difficulty. After attaining his Law Degree in 1992, John established himself in practice focusing primarily on agricultural corporate and commercial transactions, financing, real estate and commercial re-organizations. Mr. Stewart is a partner in the law firm D’Arcy & Deacon in Winnipeg and will be at Ag Days speaking on behalf of Westoba Credit Union.

Topic: Farm Transitions: Passing the Torch.

Where: Keystone Centre, Q Country Hall

When: Thursday, January 24, 2019

Time: 11:30 am and 12:30 pm

For more than half a century, Westoba has been proudly financing agriculture; supporting the agri-business sector in Manitoba, and helping members preserve, invest and transition family farms and businesses to the next generation.

Westoba will have Business Account Representatives on hand meeting with attendees, answering questions and taking in the exhibits to see the latest technology and equipment aimed at improving farm efficiency.

“Naturally, the more our team knows about the business of farming, especially the latest in production and technology, the better we can support our members in their efforts to increase their efficiency, expand their business and help them meet the demands of the industry today and in the future,” said Rob Margetts, Director of Westoba’s Business Solutions Team.

Ag Days takes place at the Keystone Centre in Brandon on January 22 through January 24, 2019.

## **ABOUT WESTOBA CREDIT UNION**

Westoba Credit Union (WCU) is the eighth largest credit union in Manitoba with 16 locations. WCU is committed to enriching lives and communities by helping financial dreams come true. Westoba believes in staying connected and engaged in our communities. To learn more about Westoba Credit Union visit [www.westoba.com](http://www.westoba.com)

## **ABOUT OUR SPEAKER**

### **John C. Stewart, Partner, D’Arcy & Deacon, Commercial Law**

Born in 1958, John grew up in rural Manitoba and received his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the University of Manitoba in 1980.

John began his farming operation at Poplar Point, Manitoba in 1980 while commuting to oil and gas exploration rigs in the Canadian Arctic and offshore in South America. Married in 1984, John returned to Manitoba and began a consulting practice that assisted agricultural businesses experiencing financial difficulty.

John graduated with an LL.B from the University of Manitoba in 1992 and was called to the Bar in 1993. Establishing himself in private practice, he focused primarily on agricultural corporate and commercial transactions, financing, real estate and commercial re-organizations.

He joined D’Arcy & Deacon LLP in 1998 and expanded his practice to include more complex corporate and commercial transactions, maintaining a particular emphasis on agri-business.

Mr. Stewart serves numerous not-for-profit organizations and associations. John and Ingrid have four children and live at Poplar Point, Manitoba. John Stewart provides legal services through John Stewart Law Corporation in both English and German.

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