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Shayne Kert is a sole practitioner who has practised criminal and quasi-criminal law in Ontario and Nunavut.

She completed her B.A. in English (Theatre) at McGill University, and her law degree at the University of Toronto. She was called to the Ontario Bar in 1990, and to the Nunavut Bar in 2010.

In the course of her work as a defence counsel, Shayne has appeared before all levels of trial and appeal courts. In addition to her trial work in Ontario and Nunavut, Shayne also acts as an adjudicator. She has served as an Alternate Chair of the Ontario Review Board since 1999 (concerning individuals who have been found unfit to stand trial or not criminally responsible by reason of mental disorder), and as an Alternate Chair of the Nunavut Review Board since 2002. For a number of years she was also a senior legal member of the Ontario Consent and Capacity Board, dealing with the civil law aspects of mental health and consent and capacity legislation. Since 2015, she has sat as an appointed adjudicator with the Law Society Tribunal (Ontario), and in June 2021 she was appointed an adjudicator with the Ontario Physicians and Surgeons Discipline Tribunal. She is also currently the Chair of the Discipline Committee of the Law Society of Nunavut.

Shayne has been a frequent lecturer and participant in continuing legal education, particularly in the areas of criminal and mental health law