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Dear Member:

**Re: Queen's Counsel Appointments 2011**

In the fall of this year, the Advisory Committee on Queen's Counsel Appointments, chaired by the Honourable Justice Peter Bryson, will consider candidates for the next Queen's Counsel appointments.

The criteria for these appointments are:

- (a) fifteen years or more as a member of the Bar of Nova Scotia as of September 30, 2011 and eligible to practice law in Nova Scotia;
- (b) demonstrated professional integrity, good character and outstanding contributions to the practice of law through one or more of:
  - (i) recognition by other members of the profession as an exceptional barrister or solicitor,
  - (ii) exceptional contributions through legal scholarship, teaching or continuing legal education,
  - (iii) demonstration of exceptional qualities of leadership in the profession, and
  - (iv) engaging in activities of a public or charitable nature in such a way as to raise the esteem in which the legal profession is held by the public;
- (c) the Advisory Committee on Queen's Counsel Appointments is asked to consider regional, gender and minority representation among the persons recommended for appointment as Queen's Counsel.

In order to be considered as a candidate for a Queen's Counsel appointment, you must apply pursuant to this request. The Committee will not consider applications or nominations from previous years.

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A complete application or nomination package must consist of an **original and 12 copies** of the following documents:

- (a) application or nomination form;
- (b) authorization for disclosure of information and release; and
- (c) Information form. Ordinarily the information will be confined to the form provided. However, if you find the space on the form insufficient, additional material that you may wish to provide (not exceeding two pages in length), will be considered by the Committee. Material exceeding two pages will not be forwarded to the Committee.

These forms are enclosed. In addition, please ensure you have provided with your application materials a current telephone number where you can be reached. If you wish, you may include two letters of reference for consideration by the Committee. The inclusion of reference letters is optional.

Persons may either apply personally or may nominate a member of the Bar. All applicants will be treated equally by the Committee whether they are nominated, or whether they apply personally.

Your complete application or nomination must be received by Justice Bryson no later than **4:00 p.m., Friday, September 30, 2011**. It may be mailed or delivered to:

Advisory Committee on Queen's Counsel Appointments  
c/o The Honourable Justice Peter Bryson  
The Law Courts, 1815 Upper Water Street  
Halifax NS B3J 1S7

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



Marian F. Tyson, Q.C.  
Deputy Minister