

**QUEEN'S COUNSEL APPOINTMENT**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION AND RELEASE FORM**

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ (*please print*) confirm that I am a practising insured member of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society (the "Society") and that as of September 30, 2021, I will have been at the Bar for more than 15 years.

I authorize the Society to disclose to the Advisory Committee on Queen's Counsel Appointments and the Society's Queen's Counsel Candidate Review Committee all information relating to me pertaining to discipline, competence and professional liability insurance on the records of the Society, as well as any change in my status as a practising insured member prior to the next Queen's Counsel appointments.

I further authorize the Society or any of its staff to answer any inquiries, written or oral, concerning me which may be submitted by the Committees.

I release the Society, its officers, Council members and staff from any liability of any kind arising from the release of this information.

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Date

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Signature

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APPLICATION OR NOMINATION FORM**

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Please complete either section (1) or (2) below:

1. I, \_\_\_\_\_, apply for a Queen's Counsel designation. Attached hereto are a completed Information Form and an Authorization for Disclosure of Information and Release Form.

2. I, \_\_\_\_\_, nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for a Queen's Counsel appointment. Attached hereto are a completed Information Form and an Authorization for Disclosure of Information and Release Form, the latter of which has been signed by the member eligible for a Queen's Counsel appointment.

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Date

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Signature

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### INFORMATION FORM

**Note: The approved criteria for Queen's Counsel appointments are:**

- (a) fifteen years as a member of the Bar of Nova Scotia as of September 30, 2021 and eligible to practise law in Nova Scotia;
- (b) review of 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; and
- (c) The Advisory Committee on Queen's Counsel Appointments is asked to consider regional, gender and minority representations among the persons recommended for appointment as Queen's Counsel.

**NAME:**

**FIRM:**

**ADDRESS:**

**TELEPHONE:** Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:**

**DATE OF CALL TO THE BAR:**

Provide two reference letters to assist the Advisory Committee on Queen's Counsel Appointments. One letter is to come from within the Bar or Judiciary. The second letter is to come from outside the Bar and Judiciary. Members of the Advisory Committee on Queen's Counsel Appointments are precluded from being referees.

**REFERENCES:**

**TELEPHONE NUMBER:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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**SUMMARY OF EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE EXPERIENCE:**

Please provide to the Committee, relevant information in the following areas:

- (1) The nature of their practice including, but not limited to, the type of law they practice, the geographic area involved, work done for or with other lawyers by virtue of referrals resulting from conflicts, as counsel, or otherwise.

- (2) Their involvement in legal scholarship, teaching and Continuing Legal Education.

(3) Their involvement in professional organizations including, but not limited to, the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society and the Canadian Bar Association.

(4) Their involvement in public, charitable and community activities.

(5) Their regional location, gender and minority information if they wish consideration of these factors.