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Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Membership

Dear Members:

Re: Queen's Counsel Applications

The Advisory Committee on Queen's Counsel Appointments, chaired by the Honourable Justice Cindy A. Bourgeois, will convene in the fall to 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, 2021 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.

The Advisory Committee also considers regional, gender, race, sexual orientation and representation from other diverse groups 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 or be nominated pursuant to this request. Applications and nominations from previous years will not be considered. Applications and nominations not completed by September 30, 2021 will be returned.

A complete application or nomination package must consist of:

1. An **original and one copy** of the Authorization for Disclosure of Information and Release Form; and
2. An **original and twelve copies** of the following documents:
 - (a) Application or Nomination Form;
 - (b) Information Form (Ordinarily the information will be confined to the Form provided. However, if you find the space on the Form insufficient, you may provide up to an additional two pages. Material exceeding the additional two pages will not be forwarded to the Committee); and
 - (c) Two Letters of Reference (one from within the Bar or Judiciary; one from community outside the Bar and Judiciary).

These forms are available on the **Queen's Counsel Appointment Process** page of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society website.

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

Your complete application or nomination must be received by Justice Bourgeois **no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, September 30, 2021**. It may be mailed or delivered to:

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Candace L. Thomas, Q.C.
Deputy Minister of Justice
and Deputy Attorney General