

News Release

JUDICIAL COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

OTTAWA, December 2, 2011 – The Honourable Rob Nicholson, P.C., Q.C., M.P. for Niagara Falls, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, today announced the appointments of Paul M. Tellier, P.C., C.C., Q.C., Mark L. Siegel and Brian M. Levitt to the Judicial Compensation and Benefits Commission. These appointments are effective until August 31, 2015.

Paul M. Tellier, P.C., C.C., Q.C., of Montréal, is re-appointed a member as recommended by the judiciary. Mr. Tellier obtained a BA and an LLL from the University of Ottawa; he also graduated with a BLitt from the University of Oxford, England. Mr. Tellier was admitted to the Quebec Bar in 1963.

Mr. Tellier was President, CEO and Director of Bombardier Inc. in 2003-2004, and prior to that he served as President, CEO and Director of the Canadian National Railway Company (CN), from 1992 to 2002. Mr. Tellier served as the Clerk of the Privy Council and Secretary to the Cabinet of the Government of Canada from 1985 to 1992. He also served as Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in 1979 and as Deputy Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources in 1982.

Mark L. Siegel, of Ottawa, is appointed a member as recommended by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada.

Mr. Siegel obtained his LLB from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1978 and was admitted to the Bar in 1980.

Mr. Siegel is a partner in Gowlings' Ottawa office, practising in all areas of taxation and wealth management, and has extensive involvement with community foundations and charitable organizations. Prior to his career at Gowlings, Mr. Siegel spent the first two years of his practice focusing on individual tax planning. He then joined the Rulings Division of Revenue Canada where he gained extensive experience in the areas of personal taxation, scientific research taxation and tax issues relating to leasing, financing and charities.

Brian M. Levitt, of Westmount, is appointed Chair as nominated by the other two members of the Judicial Compensation and Benefits Commission.

Mr. Levitt obtained a BAsC in 1969 and an LLB in 1973, both from the University of Toronto. He was admitted to the Ontario Bar in 1975 and the Quebec Bar in 2001.

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Mr. Levitt serves as corporate counsel at Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP. He first joined Osler in 1976. In 1991, he became President, and subsequently CEO, of Imasco Limited, a Canadian consumer products and services company. Imasco was sold in 2000 and he returned to Osler in 2001. Mr. Levitt is currently the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Toronto-Dominion Bank. He is also a director of Domtar Corporation.

The Judicial Compensation and Benefits Commission is established under the *Judges Act* to inquire at least every four years into the adequacy of the salaries and benefits of the federally appointed judiciary. The Commission consists of three members: one is nominated by the judiciary and another by the federal Minister of Justice, and these two then nominate a Chairperson.

Additional information on the Judicial Compensation and Benefits Commission can be found at <http://www.quadcom.gc.ca/>.

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