



News Release

Judicial Compensation and Benefits Commission Appointments

Ottawa, December 18, 2015 – The Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, today announced the appointments of Margaret Bloodworth, Peter Griffin, and Gil Rémillard to the Judicial Compensation and Benefits Commission.

Margaret Bloodworth of Ottawa is appointed a member as recommended by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada.

Ms. Bloodworth, a native of Winnipeg, received her LLB from the University of Ottawa and was called to the bar in 1979.

Ms. Bloodworth had a distinguished career with the federal public service that spanned more than 30 years. She held senior positions with several departments, including serving as deputy minister at Transport Canada, Defence, and Public Safety and as Associate Secretary to the Cabinet and National Security Advisor from 2006 till her retirement in 2008. Ms. Bloodworth is a member of the Order of Canada and has received many awards and honours, including the Public Service of Canada Outstanding Achievement Award and the Vanier Medal of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada. She is a Senior Fellow at the University of Ottawa's School of Public and International Affairs.

Peter Griffin of Toronto is appointed a member as recommended by the judiciary.

Mr. Griffin obtained his LLB from Queen's University's Law School in 1977 and was admitted to the bar in 1980.

Mr. Griffin is Managing Partner at Lenezner Slaght and one of the firm's founding partners. He is widely recognized as one of the top litigators in Canada, particularly in the areas of corporate commercial litigation, class actions, securities matters, insolvency, and professional liability. In some 35 years as a member of Ontario's legal community, he has appeared before all levels of court in the province and before the Supreme Court of Canada. A past president of the Advocates' Society, Mr. Griffin is also a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, where he serves as chair of the Ontario Committee. He is a frequent speaker at conferences and programs on legal issues, including the challenges of cross-border litigation.

Gil Rémillard of Montreal is appointed Chair as nominated by the other two members of the Judicial Compensation and Benefits Commission.

Mr. Remillard earned his LLL from the University of Ottawa in 1968 and a doctorate in law from the Université de Nice in 1972.

Mr. Rémillard has distinguished himself throughout his long career for his work in the academic world as well as in public life. He was a professor at Laval University for some 13 years before he turned to politics. From 1985 to 1994, he held several positions within the Quebec government, including Minister of International Relations, Minister of Public Security and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs. As Minister of Justice, he was responsible for the implementation of the new Civil Code of Quebec. A member of the Order of Canada, Mr. Rémillard has been awarded the Médaille du Barreau du Québec and has also been invited by a number of foreign governments to assist in reforming their legal systems.

The Judicial Compensation and Benefits Commission was established under the Judges Act to examine at least every four years 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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