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Attention: Ms. Sheila Block, Chairperson

Dear Ms. Block:

Salary Differential

I write on behalf of the Trial Judges of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia to communicate their disagreement with the submission made by some Canadian Appellant Court Judges seeking a differential between the salaries of federally appointed Trial Court Judges and those paid to Appellate Court Judges.

The good arguments against this proposal have been well made in previous Trial Court responses and need not be repeated, except to emphasize that the potential for divisiveness, should the submission be approved, is real.

We have been advised that the Judges of the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal are unanimously opposed to the submission and so in Nova Scotia we are united in dissent.

Yours truly

Chief Justice Joseph P. Kennedy

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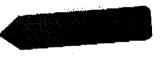
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