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Ms. Sheila R. Block
Chairperson
Judicial Compensation and Benefits Commission
99 Metcalfe Street, 8th floor
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 1E3

**Re: Submission for a Salary Differential for Judges of Courts of
Appeal in Canada**

Madam Chairperson,

A number of judges of the Court that I preside over have asked me to inform you of their position regarding the *Submission for a Salary Differential for Judges of Courts of Appeal in Canada* dated December 10, 2007.

After reading the submission and the objections of some trial court judges in Canada, more than 150 of the 181 judges of the Québec Superior Court are opposed to establishing a salary differential among judges appointed under section 96 of *The Constitution Act, 1867*.

They adopt the comments of the Honourable Gordon C. Campbell in his letter of December 11, 2007, the Honourable Mr. Justice James K. Hugessen in his letter of January 9, 2008, as well as the comments of trial court judges from British Columbia, Newfoundland and the Tax Court. Also enclosed is a copy of a letter of the Honourable Mr. Justice Jules Allard of the Québec Superior Court that clearly illustrates the reasons for the objection of colleagues to the institutional hierarchy argument.

As for the other Superior Court judges (31), we were unable to contact some, others preferred to maintain a neutral position, and seven stated that they were in favour of this salary differential.

Yours sincerely
François Rolland,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "François Rolland". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "F".

Chief Justice

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Encl.

c.c. The Honourable Mr. Justice Robert Pidgeon, Senior Associate Chief Justice
The Honourable Mr. Justice André Wery, Associate Chief Justice
The honourable judges of the Québec Superior Court