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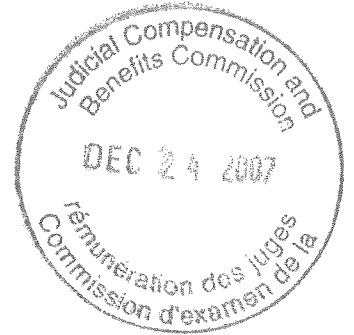


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Ms. Sheila R. Block, Chairperson
Judicial Compensation and Benefits Commission
99 Metcalfe Street,
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Dear Ms. Block,

Proposal for a Salary Differential Between Trial and Appellate Court Judges

I have read and am in agreement with the views expressed by Mr. Justice Gordon L. Campbell in his letter to you dated December 11, 2007 opposing the idea that superior court judges who sit on appeal courts should be remunerated at a higher level than superior court judges sitting on trial courts.

Indeed, compelling arguments can be made for the converse proposition, but I would not support advancing them before the Commission. The work of superior court judges is important, challenging and demanding at either level and I wish you and your Commission colleagues well in your task of fashioning wise recommendations for the government and for Parliament for appropriate compensation for the federally appointed judiciary.

Sincerely,

Douglas Rutherford

c.c. Mr. Justice Gordon L. Campbell