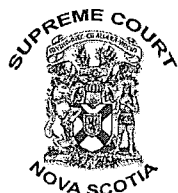


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Ms. Shelia Block, Chairperson
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Dear Ms. Block:

I commend Justice Gordon L. Campbell for his thorough and thoughtful remarks on appellate judges' salary differential. I also commend the position taken by the justices of the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal.

There is no justification for an ego differential.

If any differential were appropriate, it should be in favour of trial justices who spend months on circuit away from home and family. Trial justices are increasingly facing media scrutiny and security issues that rarely, if ever, apply to Panel Justices.

With respect to the Commission's mandate for judicial remuneration, I would mention that when I was appointed in 1990 judicial salaries were inadequate. I sat on numerous Nova Scotia Barristers' Society discipline committee hearings and, also, as a reserve military judge presiding in courts martial in Europe and throughout Canada. I had an appetite for the tremendous privileges and challenge of being a Superior Court Judge and I readily took a dramatic decrease in income. In fact, it took about 9 years or more to reach the level of income I had prior to my appointment. As noted in the government submission, there has been a dramatic increase in the judicial salaries and benefits since then and I consider the government's proposal to be a most reasonable one. In most cases the present judicial salary far exceeds the remuneration being received by legal aid lawyers, government lawyers, municipal lawyers, crown prosecutors, academics and a substantial number of the practicing Bar prior to appointment. Privileges, challenges and benefits are tremendous and I have not met a single retiring practitioner who wouldn't have traded her/his RRSP portfolio for the pension security etc ... enjoyed by superior court justices.

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With the dramatic increase in the remuneration of superior court judges that has taken place, the industrial aggregate in itself provides a substantial and adequate ever-increasing increase in our remuneration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter R.E. Goodfellow". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes.

Walter R.E. Goodfellow
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