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Ms. Sheila Block
Chairperson
Judicial Compensation and
Benefits Commission
99 Metcalfe street
Ottawa, ON
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Dear Ms. Block:

RE: Salary Differential

We are writing on behalf of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench to express the views of our judges in relation to the proposed salary differential among federally appointed judges in favour of appellate courts. In order to provide you with an accurate representation of the views held by the individual members of our Court, we conducted a poll, the results of which were as follows:

- of the 77 judges on the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench, 62 responded;
- two support the proposal (3.2% of respondents);
- nine abstained (14.5% of respondents);
- the remaining 51 (82.3% of respondents) oppose the salary differential.

Although there were a variety reasons cited for opposing the salary differential, many of those opposed endorsed the views expressed by Mr. Justice Gordon L. Campbell, of the Prince Edward Island Supreme Court, and Mr. Justice James K. Hugessen, of the Federal Court.

Yours truly,

The Honourable Neil C. Wittmann
Associate Chief Justice

The Honourable A.H.J. Wachowich
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