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Re: Proposed procedural calendar for the 2024 inquiry of the Judicial Compensation  
and Benefits Commission

Dear Ms. Giardini,  
Dear Messrs. Hodson and Flack,

We represent the Canadian Superior Courts Judges Association and the Canadian Judicial Council (the **Judiciary**) in relation to the 2024 inquiry of the Judicial Compensation and Benefits Commission and are writing to you jointly on behalf of the Judiciary, the Associate Judges of the Federal Court, and the Government of Canada (the **Parties**).

While the Parties are aware that, following your nominations as Chairperson and Members of the Commission, your appointments have not yet been formalized, counsel prefer not to defer consideration of the procedural calendar applicable to the inquiry. Accordingly, the Parties have held preliminary consultations and wish hereby jointly to submit for your consideration the following procedural calendar tentatively agreed by the Parties for the 2024 inquiry.

- November 1, 2024 – deadline for the Judiciary, the Government, and the Associate Judges to file their opening submissions
- November 8, 2024 - deadline for other interested parties to file their opening submissions
- November 22, 2024 - deadline for the filing of any submissions in response to all opening submissions
- Week of December 16, 2024 - hearing

This timetable is similar to that which governed recent inquiries of the Commission.

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The Parties would suggest that a preliminary telephonic conference be held by the Members to discuss and agree upon the calendar with the Parties. The Parties also suggest that the Commission, shortly after the appointment of its members, ratify this timetable, cause it promptly to be made public, and hold a further teleconference to address whatever additional issue the Parties or the Commission might wish to discuss. The Parties would suggest that a date for the preliminary telephonic conference be set, in consultation with the Parties, at your earliest convenience. In the meantime, the Parties will assume, absent notice from the Members of the Commission, that they can organize their preparatory work based on the above calendar.

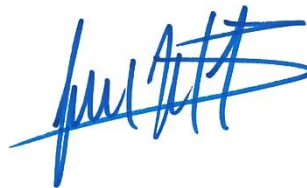
The Parties take this opportunity to express their gratitude to the Members of the Commission for accepting to serve on the Commission, a vital institution to preserve and promote judicial independence at the federal level in Canada.

Please do not hesitate to contact counsel for the Parties if the Commission requires any additional information.

Sincerely,



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