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

Dear Ms. Meagher,

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. We are writing to you jointly on behalf of the Judiciary and the Associate Judges of the Federal Court, further to your email dated October 18, 2024.

As a preliminary matter, although the Judiciary has consented to the Commissioners' request to postpone the date of commencement of the quadrennial inquiry to October 11, 2024, it wishes to underscore the following point. While the Judiciary understands the position in which the Commissioners find themselves, through no fault of their own due to their late appointment, it remains disappointed with the delay in appointing the Commissioners and its impact on the date of commencement of the inquiry.

As for the timetable for the next Commission, the Judiciary and the Associate Judges have taken note of the Commissioners' proposal and wish hereby jointly to submit the following procedural calendar for the Commission's consideration:

- **December 20, 2024** – deadline for the Judiciary, the Government, and the Associate Judges to file their opening submissions
- **January 10, 2025** – deadline for other interested parties to file their opening submissions
- **January 24, 2025** – deadline for the filing of any submissions in response to all opening submissions
- **February 20-21, 2025** – hearing in Ottawa

The Judiciary and the Associate Judges invite the Government to indicate whether it agrees with the above timetable.

The Judiciary and the Associate Judges respectfully request that the Commission ratify this timetable, cause it promptly to be made public, and hold a telephonic conference if necessary to address any additional issues the Parties or the Commission might wish to discuss.

Once again, the Judiciary and the Associate Judges take this opportunity to express their gratitude to the Commissioners for accepting to serve on the Commission.

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

Sincerely,



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