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RE: Inquiry Committee Regarding The Honourable Mr. Justice Paul Cosgrove

Dear Chris G. Paliare:

I am pleased to write this letter to assist you on behalf of Judge Paul Cosgrove. Although I have no legal educational background or experience, I have followed this judge's decisions very closely over many years. Our local newspaper, The Recorder and Times, carried the Brockville court proceedings quite thoroughly in the past. I was always struck with the wisdom of Judge Paul Cosgrove's opinions, as they were regularly reported. I suppose it is easy to agree with someone who seems to make a similar decision to what you would have made in the same situation. I admit that it became a bit of a guessing game, waiting for Judge Paul Cosgrove's verdicts in cases that were of particular interest for me. I would like to be more explicit, however, I can say without reservation that I was particularly attracted to cases involving younger citizens that were accused of crimes and subsequently prosecuted. The manner, in which Judge Paul Cosgrove considered the ages of the young offenders and their family circumstances, and how he managed them as young people impressed me greatly.

On many occasions I felt that Judge Paul Cosgrove looked well beyond the presenting facts or the dramatics of the cases, and, took time to look carefully at any motives while examining the extenuating circumstances surrounding the crimes. I often felt that he went back to examine what had caused the incidents to occur in the first place and how and why the victim and the accused had come together. He seemed to carefully consider and weigh the background situations and the cultural influences of the cases. The reasons how relationships had originally been established, and why they had gone wrong, apparently mattered in his deliberations. In other words, I felt Judge Paul Cosgrove went back to the first principles in the cases that he was judging and I admired his transparent lack of biases, especially on gender issues. In addition, I felt the outcomes of any decisions were thoroughly and widely examined for their financial and social impacts.

I know Judge Paul Cosgrove only as a professional within the small city of Brockville and I am not considered his personal friend, however, I do believe that Judge Paul Cosgrove has always been a man of character and of personal integrity. He appears not to easily tolerate unfairness, perceived set-ups or coercion. As a family acquaintance, I know that he is an impeccable family man and a true and fine gentleman. I believe that justice is his prime reason for being a judge.. I also know him to be a proud and protective citizen of Brockville, and of Canada, and indeed he may be loyal, honourable and conscientious beyond the norm.

I have no hesitation as a life long citizen of Brockville, a former hospital nurse, a nursing teacher, a college administrator, and a public school board trustee for Brockville for the past fourteen years, in stating that I have admired the careful work of Judge Paul Cosgrove. To me, he exudes a high intelligence, a sincerity of purpose to improve our society, and a noble desire to eliminate fraud and deception by honouring and upholding the truth for the common good. There are many reasons that I wish to help with the deliberations that will surely restore honour to Judge Paul Cosgrove and his family.

Without prejudice,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mildred Craig".

Mildred Craig

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