



July 23, 2008

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Attn: Chris G. Paliare

**RE: THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PAUL COSGROVE**

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008. In a nutshell I would say one bad case does not make a bad judge. This is particularly true for this judge who has conducted thousands of cases over the course of his judicial career in a competent and thorough manner.

I was the Administrative Justice for Hastings County for the past twenty years. Justice Cosgrove has presided in this jurisdiction on countless occasions. I know his work and I am close to all the local lawyers who have appeared before him. It is somewhat ironic that if anything, in criminal matters he was inclined to be a little pro-crown. He is a man of the highest integrity and the best character. He is a prodigious worker. He regularly worked all his non-sitting weeks and many of his holiday weeks. He was an absolute gentleman with the staff. In short I would have him back in a minute.

Yours very truly,

R.G. Byers

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A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R.G. Byers".