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Mr. Chris G. Paliare
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Dear Mr. Paliare,

Re: The Honourable Mister Justice Paul Cosgrove

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 9th with regards to the above noted.

I have known Mr. Justice Cosgrove since his appointment to the Bench in 1984. I became more familiar with him when I arrived in Ottawa in 1988. In 1990 I was appointed Senior Regional Judge for Eastern Ontario for the now Superior Court of Justice.

Justice Cosgrove was the local administrative Judge for the Counties of Leeds & Grenville, with offices at the Court House situated in Brockville. From that moment forward, until my retirement as Senior Judge in December of 1994, I have had numerous contacts with him, dealing mainly with administrative matters such as scheduling, court facilities and staffing. Judge Cosgrove impressed me as one of the hardest working judges in the East Region.

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Whenever any emergencies occurred, he was always ready to step in and assist in any way he could. Never did I have reason to question his integrity, fairness and competence. I know that Justice Cosgrove always had the best interest of the administration of justice in mind in anything he did, and any findings to the contrary, would certainly not be in keeping with my recollection of my dealings with him.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. Desmarais". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

The Honourable Mr. Justice Robert C. Desmarais