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Dear Mr. Paliare:

**Re: The Honourable Mr. Justice Paul Cosgrove**

I have known Justice Cosgrove since my appointment to the bench in 1998.

We sit in different jurisdictions in the Province. Therefore, the only time that we see each other is at conferences and National Judicial Institute meetings.

We would meet socially or at break out sessions at NJI meetings. I found that he was always respectful – he would make his point or comment in a precise and calm manner. I have never found him to force his opinion on others. He would be firm but polite.

I have made it a point to talk to Justice Cosgrove at these meetings, particularly after the complaint made by the former Attorney General to the Canadian Judicial Council. I enjoy our conversations. They are both witty and informative.

I found that Justice Cosgrove became withdrawn after the complaint was made. I noticed that he would sit by himself and not attend some of the social gatherings. It must be very hurtful to have these serious accusations made against him, particularly towards the end of a long judicial career.

In the conversations that I had with Justice Cosgrove I found him to be very sincere. We did not discuss the matter before the Judicial Council. The only reference I made to Justice Cosgrove was to say my thoughts were with him and his family and I hoped for a favourable outcome.

It has been a long and emotionally draining time for Justice Cosgrove. He, in my opinion, has stood up well in this process.

If I may be of further assistance, I would be more than pleased to help out.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barry Matheson".  
Justice B. H. Matheson