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Dear Mr. Paliare:

Re: Inquiry Committee – Justice Paul Cosgrove

I am pleased to offer a letter of support as to the character of my colleague, Mr. Justice Paul Cosgrove.

I have been a judge since 1980, first with the now Ontario Court of Justice and, since November 1999, the Superior Court of Justice.

My chambers have been adjacent to Justice Cosgrove since 1999. I have found him to be a very supportive and willing colleague. He has shown tremendous commitment to opening up the judicial system to the community.

His Law Day program with local high school students has been a resounding success for over twenty years and involves presiding over a mock jury trial with students, Crown attorneys, defence counsel and police all participating.

He was a key person in arranging for the restoration of the historic courthouse in Brockville and spent countless volunteer hours on that project. He recently also played an important part in the development of the beautiful Brock Gardens in front of the courthouse.

Justice Cosgrove has opened this beautiful historic courthouse to the community through hosting tours through the Doors Open Ontario project and arranging to have the medal presentations for the Ontario Senior Winter Games presented on the front steps.

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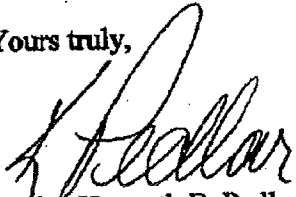
At a time when many court facilities largely exclude the public, the courthouse in Brockville is the center of the community in many different ways and Justice Cosgrove has been a major catalyst in helping that to come about.

Justice Cosgrove is an active leader in his faith community and is known to be a person of good character.

Justice Cosgrove has for years, voluntarily taken responsibility for the desk motions in Brockville, and regularly attended after hours to relieve his colleagues of this additional out of court responsibility, which can be quite time consuming. He has willingly carried a heavy load of judicial duties, including having been the local administrative judge for several years in Brockville. He has taken his judicial responsibilities very seriously and applied himself over and above the expected requirements of those duties.

If I can be of any further assistance to you, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,



Justice Kenneth E. Pedlar.

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