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Dear Mr. Paliare:

Re: Inquiry Committee regarding T  
The Honourable Mr. Justice Paul Cosgrove

Further to your request letter of July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008, I am pleased to offer the following.

I was appointed judge of the County Court of Prescott & Russell on March 2, 1978, and acted as local administrative judge at L'Original until September 1990 when our Court merged with the Supreme Court of Ontario. As a judge of the new court (eventually renamed Superior Court of Justice), I acted as local administrative judge at L'Original until I elected supernumerary status in May 2002. I fully retired in September 2005.

I first met Justice Cosgrove at his swearing in ceremony at Brockville as judge of the County Court for Leeds-Grenville, in the summer of 1984. As judges appointed in single judge counties, we had many occasions to exchange services. I travelled to Brockville to preside over motions court, pre-trial weeks and trials (both civil and criminal). He did the same in L'Original. I can confirm that, in all that time, I never received a complaint from any party, counsel and/or staff involved in the proceedings over which Justice Cosgrove presided. I understand he always treated everyone with dignity and

he always completed all the work assigned to him when he performed his duties at L'Original.

I attended the same Chief Justice Annual Meetings and educational seminars, regional meetings and educational seminars as well as other meetings and educational seminars that Justice Cosgrove attended. I know Justice Cosgrove attended all meetings and sessions and actively participated in all of them.

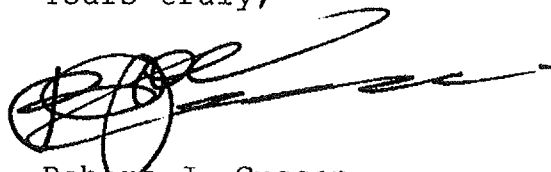
On a personal note, I can say that when I dealt with Justice Cosgrove, I have always found him to be honest, direct and extremely helpful. When I attended to perform work in Brockville, all had been carefully arranged so that I would be provided with all I needed to properly and promptly complete my assigned duties. I have always considered Justice Cosgrove to be a conscientious, dedicated, fair, impartial and hard working judge committed to bringing dignity and honour to the administration of justice.

I have absolutely nothing negative to say about Justice Cosgrove. I know him to be a kind and caring human being. He is a good man.

I thank you, sir, for giving me this opportunity to express my thoughts about my ex-colleague and hope this letter may be of some use in the proceedings referred to above.

Should you require additional information, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Cusson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert J. Cusson  
Judge - retired

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