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Attn: Chris G. Paliare

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

Dear Sir:

I have known Paul Cosgrove for over 20 years, mainly in my capacity as a judge in the same courts where he presided.

Paul is a man of integrity. He always insured that everyone who appeared before him was treated fairly.

Justice Cosgrove is an extremely hard working and competent judge. He would often give up part of his holidays to assist a fellow judge in the East Region.

The allegations of misconduct in the case of Regina v. Elliott do not describe the Paul Cosgrove I know. I make no apologies for Paul but I believe in the Elliott case he was ill served by counsel, particularly defence counsel. It may be that some of us, his fellow judges, could have assisted Paul but that would have been difficult when you consider the independence of the judiciary.

I respect Mr. Justice Paul Cosgrove and was pleased to serve on a bench of which he was an esteemed member.

Yours very truly,

  
T.J. Lally