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Attention: Chris G. Paliare, Esq.

Dear Sirs:

**Re: Inquiry Committee regarding the Honourable Mr. Justice
Paul Cosgrove**

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 9, 2008 together with a copy of the Notice to Justice Paul Cosgrove dated the 29th of February 2008.

I am a partner with the firm of Soloway Wright. I was called to the bar in 1978. I have carried on a litigation practice in the Ottawa area since that time. I am presently a member of the Board of Directors of the Advocate's Society.

I have had the opportunity of appearing before Justice Cosgrove as counsel on a number of matters over the years. Most recently I was involved in an application for Injunctive Relief which eventually evolved into a lengthy hearing that included 18 days of oral testimony. My assessment of Justice Cosgrove is from this perspective.

In dealing with the Motion for Injunctive Relief, Justice Cosgrove was extremely accommodating to the parties and allowed argument to extend late into the evening in order to ensure that the matter was addressed with the urgency that the situation required.

During the subsequent eighteen day hearing Justice Cosgrove made himself available to ensure that the matter proceeded expeditiously. Throughout the hearing he treated counsel fairly.

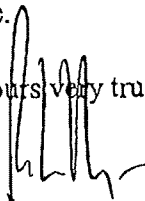
In my appearances before Justice Cosgrove he has, in my view, exemplified the ethical principles for Judges as outlined on page 13 paragraph 7 of the Notice to Justice Paul Cosgrove. I believe that on those occasions where I have had an opportunity to observe Justice Cosgrove he has acted in good faith and attempted to perform his duties to the best of his abilities and in doing so has acted in a manner so as to exhibit and promote the high standards of judicial conduct which in my view would reinforce public confidence in fair-minded and informed persons observing those proceedings.

I have no direct knowledge of the case which gives rise to the complaint against Justice Cosgrove and as a consequence cannot comment on the allegations that have been made against him in connection with that proceeding.

I have had limited opportunity to communicate with Justice Cosgrove outside the court room in a social context; however, to the extent that I have done so my impressions from that interaction only confirms the point of view that I have expressed above.

If I can be of any further assistance to you in connection with this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,



Peter Hagen

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