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Re: Justice Cosgrove

My name is David Cody. I have been acquainted with Paul Cosgrove for over twelve years, since my return to Brockville, the town in which I was raised. I have a career in the social service field, managing programs for people with autism and developmental disabilities, over the past thirty four years in Ontario.

I came to know Paul Cosgrove through church activities, community charity projects and our mutual participation in the senior choir at St. John Bosco parish in Brockville. I have also come to appreciate Paul and members of his family through mutual social contacts in the community.

I know Paul Cosgrove to be a man of integrity who is both honest and firm in expressing his concerns and is forthright in his attempt to understand or empathize with another persons point of view. It would not matter if it was the selection of music and preferences of others for a piece of music or a relaxed social discussion, Paul manages to bring around the other possible points of view for consideration.

In terms of fairness, I believe Paul to be more than fair in terms of expressing himself in an honest way. His point of view may not necessarily match mine on any certain topic but he is always ready to listen to the other side or point of view. Now, we are not moving mountains here and these topics are limited in a small social circle, however I feel I have a good sense of this man and his demonstrated sense of fairness.

His competence as a man in his law profession, as a community member and a family man I believe is demonstrated on a daily basis in all three of these categories. One must recognize that determinations he may make as a Justice are always going to have another point of view or argument, that seems to me to be the nature of the system of law in this land. I feel Justice Cosgrove has made many competent and fair decisions through his career. I base this on limited knowledge and familiarity of the many cases he has determined of course.

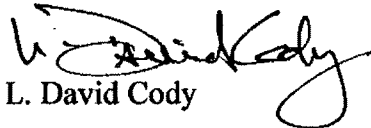
Based on my knowing Paul Cosgrove over the past twelve years I have felt he has been professional, competent and caring with justice in mind.

He has been an active member of the community and has participated in many social, entertainment and civic events. Many times he has spearheaded local civic events related to the Counties building and arranged for prestigious guests as part of his civic responsibilities with the Courts. This fact demonstrates that many others in the community, from all walks in life, see Paul Cosgrove as a competent leader in our local community.

Paul is stalwart in his role as a father and grandfather. He is viewed as a father figure and well respected within the church congregation as an elder, active committee member in the past and currently as choir member and cantor with the St. John Bosco Choir.

All of the above roles and the manner in which he is perceived by others including myself hold him in good character.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. David Cody". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

L. David Cody