

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Honourable Michel Bastarache has been appointed as Commissioner to conduct an inquiry into the appointment process for judges to the Court of Quebec, municipal courts and the Tribunal administratif du Québec. The Commission was created by an Order in Council of the Government of Québec (No. 322-2010) on April 14, 2010.

The Commission has a two-fold mandate. The first is to investigate allegations made by Me Marc Bellemare about how judges are appointed to the Court of Québec, more specifically, influence peddling by third parties in that regard, as well as to municipal courts and the Tribunal administratif du Québec. The Commission will then examine the appointment process for judges to the Court of Quebec, the municipal courts, and the Tribunal administratif du Québec and, if necessary, make recommendations to the Québec Government.

Applications for participant or intervenor standing, as well as for funding, for the first portion of the Commission's mandate, will be heard commencing at 9:30 a.m. on June 14 and 15, 2010 at 1091 Grande-Allée West, G1S 4Y7, Québec City, Québec.

In accordance with section 8 of the *Règles de procédures de la Commission d'enquête sur le processus de nomination des juges de la cour du Québec, des cours municipales et des membres du Tribunal administratif du Québec* (hereinafter the "Rules"), available on the Commission's Web site (www.cepnj.gouv.qc.ca), persons (individual, group, agency or other entity) wishing to obtain participant standing must demonstrate that they have a **direct and substantial interest** in the subject matter of the public inquiry.

In accordance with section 9 of the *Rules*, persons who wish to obtain intervenor standing must demonstrate that they have a **genuine concern** about the issues raised by the inquiry, and have particular perspective, experience or expertise that could assist the Commissioner with his work.

Pursuant to section 15 of the *Rules*, the Commissioner may recommend to the Government to grant funding to a participant or intervenor to the extent of its interest. Applicants for funding must demonstrate that they do not have sufficient financial resources to adequately participate in the inquiry, and indicate how they plan to use the funds.

Applicants must submit applications for standing and funding, as the case may be, in writing, with an affidavit sworn by the participant or his representative, further indicating that they have read and agree to abide by the *Rules*.

Applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 7, 2010, either by mail, messenger or fax to the Commission's office (see address below), or by email to info@cepnj.gouv.qc.ca.

To consult the *Rules* or for more information, visit the Commission's Web site at www.cepnj.gouv.qc.ca. A copy of the *Rules* may also be obtained by writing or calling the Commission (contact information follows).

Persons with any information relating to the subject matter of the inquiry may submit such information to the Commission either by mail, fax or email or by contacting Commission counsel.

**COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR JUDGES
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