



## Advisory Committee on Provincial Judicial Appointments

### JUDICIAL CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORM

#### INSTRUCTIONS AND AUTHORIZATION

All responses must be provided within the space parameters in this form, except as specifically permitted herein. Responses must adhere to the maximum word count indicated, where applicable. The Advisory Committee on Provincial Judicial Appointments will not consider applications that do not conform to these requirements.

Send completed electronic copy of application, dated and signed, via email to:

[ProvincialCourtJudicialAppointments@novascotia.ca](mailto:ProvincialCourtJudicialAppointments@novascotia.ca)

- OR -

Send one (1) completed original application, dated and signed, via mail or courier to:

Advisory Committee on Provincial Judicial Appointments  
c/o 1690 Hollis Street, 7th floor, Halifax, NS B3J 1V7

You will receive an email acknowledging receipt of your application.

#### **Barristers' Society Authorization:**

I  (full name), authorize the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, upon request, to provide to the Advisory Committee on Provincial Judicial Appointments full information relating to my membership pertaining to complaints against my professional conduct, my insurance record, discipline and competence on the records of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, as well as any change in my status as a practising insured member.

Signature:

Date:

Note: All information received by the Advisory Committee on Provincial Judicial Appointments will be kept in confidence as set forth in the Provincial Judicial Appointments Guidelines to Ensure Appointments Based on Merit. The Advisory Committee may wish to obtain information from other sources, including your references. In making these inquiries every effort will be made to maintain confidentiality.

**1. Name, Contact Information and Bar Admission**

Name:

Residential Address:

Cell Phone:

Personal email:

Business Address:

Business Phone:

Business email:

Date and Province of Call(s) to the Bar:

Province:

Date:

Province:

Date:

Province:

Date:

Province:

Date:

Province:

Date:

Years of Practice:

Current Position:

## 2. Self-Identification (Optional) and Preferred areas of Residence

A diverse and inclusive bench ensures that everyone, including Indigenous people, African Nova Scotians, persons with disabilities and other underrepresented groups see themselves reflected in the justice system. The judiciary in Nova Scotia should be representative of the diverse population it serves. If you wish, please provide information about yourself that you believe would assist in this objective. Please check all that apply.

- Indigenous
- Mi'kmaq
- African Nova Scotian
- Other Racially Visible Person
- Person with a Disability
- LGBTQIA2S+
- Nonbinary
- Male
- Female

Language(s) in which you are competent to hear and conduct a trial without further training:

- English       French       Other

If you are appointed, in what areas of the Province would you be willing to reside?

1st Choice:

2nd Choice:

3rd Choice:

- ❖ If you are open to residing in any area of the Province, please indicate above, ranking as your first, second or third choice.

### 3. Education

a) University: Other than Law School

(i) Name:

Location:

From:  To:

Degree/Diploma:

Major/Minor:

Awards/Scholarships:

(ii) Name:

Location:

From:  To:

Degree/Diploma:

Major/Minor:

Awards/Scholarships:

b) Law School

(i) Name:

Location:

From:  To:

Degree:

Areas of Special Interest:

Awards/Scholarships:

(ii) Name:

Location:

From:  To:

Degree:

Areas of Special Interest:

Awards/Scholarships

c) Postgraduate: Studies in Law

(i) Name:

Location:

From:

To:

Degree:

Focus of Study:

(ii) Name:

Location:

From:

To:

Degree:

Focus of Study:

d) Continuing Education: Courses taken after Call to Bar (most recent or relevant; maximum of six (6))

(i) Name:

Location:

Date:

(ii) Name:

Location:

Date:

(iii) Name:

Location:

Date:

(iv) Name:

Location:

Date:

(v) Name:

Location:

Date:

(vi) Name:

Location:

Date:

#### 4. Professional and Employment Experience

Please provide a brief account of each position you have held in reverse chronological order starting with your current position. For each position, indicate the years held and describe the general nature of the work you did and the experience you gained. (maximum of six (6))

a) Position Title:

From:  To:

Nature of Work/Experience Gained: (maximum of 100 words)

b) Position Title:

From:  To:

Nature of Work/Experience Gained: (maximum of 100 words)

c) Position Title:

From:  To:

Nature of Work/Experience Gained: (maximum of 100 words)



d) Position Title:

From:

To:

Nature of Work/Experience Gained: (maximum of 100 words)

e) Position Title:

From:

To:

Nature of Work/Experience Gained: (maximum of 100 words)

f) Position Title:

From:

To:

Nature of Work/Experience Gained: (maximum of 100 words)

## 5. Community Awareness and Understanding

Give an account of any community activities in which you have been involved. The Committee is particularly interested in your commitment to public service, awareness of and interest in the social problems which give rise to cases coming before the courts, awareness and understanding of cultural diversity, and your understanding of the role of the judiciary in applying the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. (maximum of 500 words)

**6. Membership and/or Participation in Professional Associations**

a) List the professional associations of which you are or have been a fee-paying member, including dates of membership. (maximum of seven (7))

(i) Professional Association:

From:

To:

(ii) Professional Association:

From:

To:

(iii) Professional Association:

From:

To:

(iv) Professional Association:

From:

To:

(v) Professional Association:

From:

To:

(vi) Professional Association:

From:

To:

(vii) Professional Association:

From:

To:

b) Provide information on your involvement in any professional associations, including those associated with the legal profession, in which you have been more than a fee-paying member (e.g., serving on committees, holding an executive position). (maximum of 500 words)

## 7. Publications and Internet Presence

The publications you list here need not be confined to writings on legal topics. Briefly describe any internet or social media presence and provide links. (maximum of five (5))

a) Publication Name:

Title of Article:

Date of Publication:

Short Description:

b) Publication Name:

Title of Article:

Date of Publication:

Short Description:

c) Publication Name:

Title of Article:

Date of Publication:

Short Description:

d) Publication Name:

Title of Article:

Date of Publication:

Short Description:

e) Publication Name:

Title of Article:

Date of Publication:

Short Description:

## 8. Personal Suitability

Please answer "Yes" or "No" to the following questions. Provide a brief explanation for each "Yes" answer.

- a) Have you ever been disciplined by any Law Society or been the subject of any complaint with any Law Society?

Yes  No

If "yes", please explain:

- b) Have you ever been subject to any errors or omissions claims?

Yes  No

If "yes", please explain:

- c) Are you subject to any civil claims, judgements, orders from provincial or federal courts or tribunals or if you are involved in any outside litigation including any arrears in child or spousal supports?

Yes  No

If "yes", please explain:

- d) Have you ever been convicted of any criminal offence?

Yes  No

If "yes", please explain:

e) In view of section 11 of the *Provincial Court Act*, are there any professional or business concerns in which you would wish to stay involved after appointment?

Yes  No

If "yes", please explain:

f) Are you either insolvent or in serious financial difficulties?

Yes No

If "yes", please explain:

g) Are there any potential direct or contingent financial claims against you or against your law partners of which you are aware?

Yes  No

If "yes", please explain:

h) Have you had any issues of a physical or emotional nature that may impact your ability to function as a judge?

Yes  No

If "yes", please explain:



i) Have you been fully vaccinated against COVID-19?

Yes  No

If "no", please explain:

j) Is there any matter that you reasonably and objectively believe might embarrass you or adversely reflect on the Nova Scotia Provincial Court should you be appointed?

Yes  No

If "yes", please explain:

k) Are you either insolvent or in serious financial difficulties?

Yes No

If "yes", please explain:

l) Are there any potential direct or contingent financial claims against you or against your law partners of which you are aware?

Yes  No

If "yes", please explain:

m) Have you had any issues of a physical or emotional nature that may impact your ability to function as a judge?

Yes  No

If "yes", please explain:

n) Have you been fully vaccinated against COVID-19?

Yes  No

If "no", please explain:

o) Is there any matter that you reasonably and objectively believe might embarrass you or adversely reflect on the Nova Scotia Provincial Court should you be appointed?

Yes  No

If "yes", please explain:

**9. Court, Tribunal, Agency and Board Appearances**

a) What judges/justices and levels of court have you frequently appeared before in the last five (5) years? (maximum of five (5))

(i)

(ii)

(iii)

(iv)

(v)

b) What tribunals, agencies, or boards, if any, have you appeared before in the last five (5) years? (maximum of five (5))

(i)

(ii)

(iii)

(iv)

(v)

c) Provide a list of your recently reported cases, including a one sentence description of each in the last five (5) years. (maximum of five (5))

(i)

(ii)

(iii)

(iv)

(v)

**10. Reasons for Seeking this Appointment**

Please explain why you are seeking this appointment and what aspects of your education, experience and character would most assist you in discharging judicial duties.  
(maximum of 500 words)

A large empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the applicant to write their response to the question above.

## 11. References - Include E-mail Addresses and Telephone Numbers

Please provide the names and contact information for four (4) referees. You may include, in addition to this form, a maximum of two (2) letters from any two (2) of your four (4) referees. Reference letters should not exceed two (2) pages. Your referees should include one (1) or more persons who have had direct and recent experience with your participation in community activities and one (1) or more who have had direct and recent experience with your professional work. Please be advised that some of your referees may be contacted by members of the Advisory Committee.

a) Name:   
Title:   
Organization:   
Email:   
Business Phone:  Cell Phone:

b) Name:   
Title:   
Organization:   
Email:   
Business Phone:  Cell Phone:

c) Name:   
Title:   
Organization:   
Email:   
Business Phone:  Cell Phone:

d) Name:   
Title:   
Organization:   
Email:   
Business Phone:  Cell Phone:

**DECLARATION – JUDICIAL CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORM**

I declare that all the facts and information provided above in this application are accurate.  
(This box must be checked.)

Signature:

Date: