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The Honourable Senator Joseph A. Day
Chair, Senate Committee on National Finance
The Senate of Canada
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Chair, Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights
Sixth Floor, 131 Queen Street
House of Commons
Ottawa ON K1A 0A6

Dear Senator Day and Mr. MacKenzie:

Re: Bill C-45, Part 4, Division 9, *Judges Act* amendments

On behalf of the Canadian Bar Association (CBA), I wish to extend my support and sincere appreciation for the Government's prompt response to the Report of the 2011 Judicial Compensation and Benefits Commission, in the above-noted amendments to the *Judges Act*.

CBA submissions to the Quadrennial Commissions have focused on the importance of upholding a fair, effective, timely and non-partisan process for setting judicial compensation, as a critical component to protecting judicial independence. We are encouraged by the Government's clear and public demonstration of commitment to the Quadrennial Commission process.

Yours sincerely,

(original signed by Sarah MacKenzie for Peter N. Browne)

Peter N. Browne, Q.C.
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