

BY EMAIL

Québec, November 9, 2017

Ms. Johanna Laporte
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Canadian Judicial Council
Ottawa, Ontario
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Subject: Michel Girouard v. Attorney General of Québec, Attorney General of Canada, and
Inquiry Committee of the Canadian Judicial Council concerning the Honourable
Judge Michel Girouard
Our ref.: 29875-1

Dear Ms. Laporte:

We are counsel for the Honourable Michel Girouard, Judge of the Superior Court. On Monday, November 6, we received the report of the Inquiry Committee constituted pursuant to section 63(3) of the *Judges Act* to inquire into the conduct of the Honourable Michel Girouard of the Superior Court of Québec.

As stated in the inquiry report, "the circumstances which led to the constitution of our Committee are unprecedented" (paragraph 2 of the report). The issues of fact and law required "4,000 pages of stenographic notes reporting the 14 days of hearings before the First Committee" and 8 days of hearings (paragraphs 6 and 7).

In accordance with section 9(2) of the *Canadian Judicial Council Inquiries and Investigations By-laws (2015)*, we request that you grant a 30-day extension of the deadline for the judge to make a submission regarding the report. The public interest and the right to make full answer and defence warrant this request.

We thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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