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Dear Ms. Matthews and Mr. LeRose:

The Judicial Council of British Columbia has recently passed a resolution that, as Chair, I write to the Canadian Bar Association, BC Branch, and the Law Society of British Columbia seeking your assistance in encouraging a broad range of applicants for judicial office on the Provincial Court.

Judicial Council's goal is to strengthen the Court by ensuring that there is a diverse pool of applicants from which Council can recommend applicants for appointment to the Court who are representative of the general population in the Province.

Judicial Council supports any assistance that the Canadian Bar Association, BC Branch, and the Law Society of British Columbia may offer to encourage all members to consider applying as judicial candidates. Judicial Council would like to acknowledge the work of the Law Society of British Columbia in this regard and in particular the June 2012 report of the Equality and Diversity Committee, *Towards a More Diverse Legal Profession: Better practices, better workplaces, better results.*

Judicial Council will publish this letter on its website at:
<http://www.provincialcourt.bc.ca/judicial-council>.

On behalf of Judicial Council I wish to thank you for raising this important issue with the members of your respective organization.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair, Judicial Council
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cc: Mr. Timothy E. McGee, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director
The Law Society of British Columbia