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Mr. David Kahn
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Dear Mr. Kahn:

I am responding to your letter of March 4, 2005 addressed to the Chief Justice of Canada, in which you request financial statements of the Canadian Judicial Council for 2003-04 in a form comparable to those previously included in the Council's annual reports.

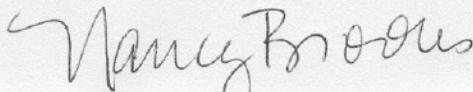
Mr. Sabourin in his letter to you of February 15, 2005, referred you to Mr. Wayne Osborne of the Office of the Commissioner for Federal Judicial Affairs. Because the Commissioner's office has responsibility for managing the information on public accounts as it relates to the Council, this is a reasonable suggestion. In order to expedite this process for you, I have spoken to Mr. Osborne and have requested that he prepare a statement for 2003-04 and provide it to you. This may take some time but you will hear from Mr. Osborne directly in due course.

Mr. Sabourin has indicated that the decision to remove the financial statement from the Council's annual report will be reviewed for the 2004-05 edition. Please be assured that your concerns will be taken into account when a decision is made in this respect.

I trust this is satisfactory and, on behalf of Chief Justice McLachlin, as Chair of the

Council, thank you for your interest.

Yours very truly,



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