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Dear Members of the Bar:

I am pleased to announce that the 2023/24 application for King's Counsel (KC) appointments are now open. KC appointments will be awarded to lawyers who are found to have made a significant contribution to the legal profession or public life in the province, as determined by the lieutenant governor in council.

Applications

Lawyers who wish to be considered for a KC appointment must be eligible under the *King's Counsel Act* and must submit an application. Applications will be accepted starting Friday, September 29, 2023, and the deadline is Friday, November 10, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

The 2023/2024 KC appointment application will be available at the Justice website: www.alberta.ca/kings-counsel. Physical submissions and nominations will not be accepted.

All applications must include the following documentation:

- Completed web form;
- Current resumé (**do not** include a cover letter);
- Consent to disclosure of personal information; and
- Three individually attached letters of reference, to a maximum of two pages per letter. In order to comply with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, each letter of reference must state as follows:

This letter may be disclosed to Alberta Justice, the Law Society of Alberta, the King's Counsel Screening Committee, and as otherwise required for use in the King's Counsel selection process.

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As noted above, nominations will not be accepted. If an individual thinks a particular lawyer ought to receive a KC appointment, the individual may suggest to the lawyer that he/she submit an application and the individual could be a reference for that lawyer.

Review Process

All completed application packages will be reviewed by the King's Counsel Screening Committee. The committee will then advise me whether each applicant is recommended or not recommended at this time.

The committee is comprised of the following:

- President, Law Society of Alberta;
- President-Elect, Law Society of Alberta;
- President, Canadian Bar Association, Alberta Branch;
- Chief Justice of Alberta, or nominee;
- Chief Justice, Court of King's Bench, or nominee;
- Associate Chief Justice, Court of King's Bench, or nominee;
- Chief Justice, Alberta Court of Justice, or nominee;
- an Assistant Chief Justice, Alberta Court of Justice;
- the Minister of Justice, or nominee;
- a Lay Benchler;
- a representative from each of the north, central, and southern districts; and
- the Deputy Attorney General, or nominee.

The awarding of the KC designation is solely within the discretion of the lieutenant governor in council. The criteria found in the attached document will be considered.

Further questions about the KC application process may be directed to the KC-Mail@gov.ab.ca.

Sincerely,



Honourable Mickey Amery, KC, ECA
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Alberta