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JUSTICE

Office of the Minister
MLA, Calgary-Cross

AR 65187

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Law Society of Alberta
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Dear members of the bar:

I am pleased to announce that the 2025-26 application for King's Counsel (KC) appointments will be open September 2, 2025. KC appointments are issued by the Lieutenant Governor in Council to recognize lawyers who have made a significant contribution to the legal profession or public life in the province.

Applications

Lawyers who wish to be considered for a KC appointment must be eligible under the *King's Counsel Act*. Lawyers must have been called to the bar (with active practicing status) for at least ten years, with a minimum of five years practicing in the province of Alberta.

Applications will be accepted beginning on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 8:30 AM MST, and must be submitted no later than Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 4:30 PM MST.

The 2025-26 KC appointment application form can be accessed via the Alberta Justice website: www.alberta.ca/kings-counsel. Physical submissions, as well as nominations, will not be accepted.

All applications must include the following documentation:

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

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, nominations will not be accepted. If an individual believes a particular lawyer is deserving of a KC appointment, the individual may suggest to the lawyer that they submit an application and offer to provide a reference for that lawyer.

Review Process

Completed application packages for lawyers who meet the criteria set out in the *King's Counsel Act* will be reviewed by the KC Screening Committee. Note that the Screening Committee will not accept or consider applications that do not comply with the parameters set out in the web application form, such as document size, length and font.

The committee will then advise me whether each applicant is recommended or not recommended.

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
- Minister of Justice, or nominee
- A Lay Benchers
- A representative from each of the north, central, and southern districts
- The Deputy Attorney General, or nominee

The KC appointments are solely within the discretion of the Lieutenant Governor in Council. The criteria set out in the attached document will be considered.

Further information on KC appointments can be found at www.alberta.ca/kings-counsel. Questions regarding the KC application process may be directed to KC-Mail@gov.ab.ca.

Sincerely,



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

Attachment