

Dear Colleague:

I write to invite you to renew your membership to the Canadian Chapter of the International Association of Women Judges (CCIAWJ) for 2020 or to become a new member of the organization.

The International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization of more than 4,700 members in 75 countries.

The IAWJ works with its members around the world to cultivate a growing global network of women judges, create opportunities for judicial exchange, pioneer judicial education programs that advance human rights, eliminate gender bias from judicial systems, and promote equal access to the courts. The CCIAWJ works closely with the IAWJ to fulfill these goals.

The Mission of the CCIAWJ is to enhance the work of women judges nationally and internationally in pursuit of equality, judicial independence, and the rule of law. Further, the CCIAWJ endeavours to protect the rights and interests of women who are involved in the justice system, implements strategies to achieve general equality in the justice system and supports programs and activities to discourage violence against women and children.

Every two years, the IAWJ hosts an international conference. In 2020, the IAWJ's 15<sup>th</sup> International Biennial Conference will be held in Auckland, New Zealand, May 7 – 10, 2020. The conference theme is "Celebrating Diversity". For conference attendees, please note that depending on the passport an individual holds, either a New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (NZeTA) or visa is required to enter New Zealand.

Information is available at <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/countries-and-regions/north-america/canada/new-zealand-high-commission>.

In years when the international conference is not held, the CCIAWJ hosts a conference at a location in Canada. In 2021, the CCIAWJ conference will take place April 28 – 30, 2021. The location of the conference has yet to be determined.

The Speakers Bureau of the CCIAWJ organizes events at approximately ten law schools across Canada each year to bring women judges together with law students for informal discussions. The CCIAWJ is involved in assisting indigenous women to attend law school as well as sponsoring international judges to attend the IAWJ Biennial Conference.

Please consider membership renewal or new membership in order to support and participate in the significant work undertaken by the CCIAWJ and the IAWJ. In 2019, the CCIAWJ had 314 members.

Attached please find a membership form for 2020. You will note on the membership form that, for the first time, membership fees may be paid by e-transfer, as well as by cheque. If membership fees are paid by cheque, the cheque can be mailed along with

the membership form to me. Membership fees may be paid by e-transfer to [membershipdues@iawjcc.com](mailto:membershipdues@iawjcc.com). Where e-transfer is used, the membership form may either be mailed to me or it may be scanned and emailed to me. My mailing address and email address are provided in the membership form.

A portion of the CCIAWJ membership fee (\$25.00 USD per person) is paid to the IAWJ to fund their operations. The balance funds the initiatives of the CCIAWJ.

On October 9, 2019, the International Board of Directors passed a resolution which states that “individual members of the IAWJ Board of Directors will work with their own associations...to ensure that...going forward, all associations pay their dues in full by March 30<sup>th</sup>...” In order to provide our support for the good work of the IAWJ, we kindly ask for your attention to membership renewal or initial membership in keeping with this timeline where possible and we thank you in advance for doing so.

If you would like further information regarding the CCIAWJ, our website is <https://www.iawjcc.com>. Information regarding the 2021 conference will be posted on our website as soon as it becomes available.

If you wish to learn about the IAWJ, please visit their website at <https://www.iawj.org>.

As well, please feel free to contact me directly at 306-787-5721 or [lkrogan@judicom.ca](mailto:lkrogan@judicom.ca) should you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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