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**MEMBERSHIP INVITE**

Dear Colleagues:

I write to invite you to renew your membership with International Association of Women Judges, Canadian Chapter (IAWJCC) in January 2023 or to become a new member of the organization.

The IAWJCC is a member of the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ). The Mission of the IAWJCC is to enhance the work of women judges nationally and internationally in pursuit of equality, judicial independence, and the rule of law. Further, the IAWJCC 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.

The past few years have kept the Chapter very busy with a host of programs spearheaded by the IAWJ and the IAWJCC.

Recently, the IAWJ, IAWJCC and other worldwide organizations helped many Afghan women judges and their families escape from Afghanistan. The IAWJ, including our International Director Mona Lynch, received the 2022 DLA Piper pro bono LeadHer Award, the 2022 PILnet Global Partnership Award and the 2023 Bolch Prize from Duke University in recognition of this work.

The IAWJCC financially contributes to and many of our members are members of the Afghan Judges Support Committee. This Committee has helped more than 30 Afghan judges and their families get settled in their new homes in Canada. It helps the Afghan women judges by providing, among other things, educational sessions for them.

The IAWJCC's other initiatives include consultations to create programs to address the attrition rate of women in the practice of the law. Provincial roundtables were held across the country over the past two years gathering lawyers and judges from every area of law to work to identify the hurdles facing women lawyers today as well as tangible solutions. We are now moving toward a national roundtable, which will take place this year.

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Our Law Student Initiative – An Evening with Women Judges organizes and funds events at approximately eleven law schools across Canada each year to bring women judges together with law students for informal discussions.

The IAWJCC recently completed payment of a three-year scholarship to assist an Indigenous woman to attend law school.

Last year, we funded the purchase of books for “A Room of Your Own” book club, a club for in-risk teen girls across Canada. The book we selected for purchase was “The Last Girl” by Nadia Murad. Aside from a discussion of the book with the author, the virtual event included a tour of Winnipeg’s Human Rights Museum and a panel discussion on the charge of human trafficking.

The IAWJ and the IAWJCC are also involved in judicial education. Every two years, the IAWJ hosts an international conference, which we have historically attended. In 2023, the IAWJ’s 16<sup>th</sup> International Biennial Conference will be held in Morocco. Morocco is a country that criminalizes same sex relationships. The IAWJ has decided twice in the recent past to hold the biennial conference in countries with similar laws. In consideration of the above, the Board of Directors has unanimously decided not to attend the biennial conference this year and has discouraged our members from attending. In reaching this decision, the Board considered the safety of our members as well as values such as equality and inclusion. We continue however to support the important work of the IAWJ.

In years when the international conference is not held, the IAWJCC hosts a conference at a location in Canada. This year we held our national conference in Yellowknife where we had the pleasure of hearing from Judges in the North and had the honour of attending a healing lodge where we learned from the elders there. We anticipate our next conference will take place June 12-14, 2024.

Please consider membership renewal or new membership in order to support and participate in the significant work undertaken by the IAWJCC and the IAWJ.

Membership renewal is digital. In January 2023, you will be able to join or renew your membership by following this link [CCIAWJ/IAWJ 2023 Membership | Canadian Chapter of the International Association of Women Judges \(iawjcc.com\)](https://www.cciawj/iawj/2023-membership). Fees may be paid via credit card, cheque or e-transfer. If you have any questions about renewing or joining, please contact the Membership Chair Angela McLeod at [Angela.McLeod@ocj-cjo.ca](mailto:Angela.McLeod@ocj-cjo.ca).

This year the Board voted to increase the membership fee to \$200. As we expand our initiatives, we are incurring more administrative, translation and technology costs. In addition, a portion of the IAWJCC

membership fee (\$35.00 USD per person) is paid to the IAWJ for membership in that organization and to fund their operations. After payment of the IAWJ membership fees the balance of the fees collected is used to fund the initiatives of the IAWJCC.

On October 9, 2019, the IAWJ 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 IAWJCC, our website is <https://www.iawjcc.com>.

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 at [dicameron@judicom.ca](mailto:dicameron@judicom.ca).

Kind regards,

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