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**Complaint re: Justice J. Bryan Shaughnessy, Ontario Superior Court of Justice**  
**CJC Complaint #: 15-0514**

Court File Number: 000141/07 (07-0141)

Case Name: Nelson Barbados Group Ltd. v. Richard Ivan Cox et al

Date of misconduct: May 3, 2013

Dear Mr. Sabourin:

On January 7, 2016, the Canadian Judicial Council acknowledged receiving my complaint about Justice J. Bryan Shaughnessy, dated and submitted on January 5, 2016.

I have not yet received an investigation schedule/plan as requested, or acknowledgement that the CJC has forwarded this to Stage 2 under the CJC's New Process.

As your staff has undoubtedly made you aware of by this time, Justice Shaughnessy's misconduct on May 3, 2013 is egregious, yet very simple, and is well proven by the official court record itself.

Several senior Canadian lawyers, including a serving Bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada, reviewed the evidence/exhibits attached to the complaint. Without exception, these senior lawyers are appalled at Justice Shaughnessy's misconduct.

As an example, one senior Ontario lawyer said, *"In all my years of practicing law, this is the most disgusting thing I have ever seen a judge do."*

Due to the simplicity of the misconduct, the tight focus of the complaint and the overwhelming evidence, (not only of the misconduct itself but of the fact that it was deliberate and premeditated), the Canadian Judicial Council should be able process, investigate and conclude this simple and well-documented complaint within 30 days, with a recommendation to a Stage 3 Review Panel that an Inquiry Committee be constituted under Stage 4 of the CJC New Process.

It is not in the public interest for the CJC to delay the process and run out the clock to allow Justice Shaughnessy to wind down his caseload and retire without an investigation and resolution.

It is especially not in the public interest that persons continue to appear in court before Justice Shaughnessy, considering the serious nature of his misconduct and the strength of the evidence against him. As I stated when submitting the complaint; a judge capable of doing what Justice Shaughnessy did should not be allowed to adjudicate any further matters until this complaint is resolved.

On February 3, 2016, the CJC will have had this complaint for 30 days. To date, I do not see the necessary transparency and efficiency from the CJC; the lack of which has been the subject of many news reports in the last few years as I am sure you are aware.

Yours truly,

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