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Mr Donald Best



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By email: [info@donaldbest.ca](mailto:info@donaldbest.ca)

Dear Mr Best:

I am in receipt of your correspondence dated 5 January 2016, 7 January 2016, and 21 January 2016, in which you complain about the Honourable Bryan Shaughnessy of the Superior Court of Justice of Ontario.

The mandate of the Canadian Judicial Council (Council) was previously explained to you in a letter sent by the Council and which related to a complaint you had filed against the same judge and the same court matter.

In your correspondence to the Council, you allege that Justice Shaughnessy secretly created and substituted a new and changed Warrant of Committal that illegally denied you statutory remission and secretly increased your jail time by a month, that Justice Shaughnessy ordered your exclusion from the normal court process and, that Justice Shaughnessy ordered that your case was never to be brought before him again.

As also previously explained to you in previous correspondence, the Council is not a court. Given the principle of independence of the judiciary, the Council's complaints process is not concerned with judicial decision-making or the exercise of judicial discretion. Your allegations concern the judicial decision-making process and not conduct.

In your correspondence, you make various demands related to how you want the complaint process to unfold. The early process of screening of complaints is governed by the

*Canadian Judicial Council Procedures for the Review of Complaints or Allegations About Federally Appointed Judges* (the “Review Procedures”). Under the *Review Procedures*, my duties as Executive Director include the initial review of complaints. Once I complete this review, I must decide whether or not the matter warrants further consideration by Council. This complaint process does not and will not vary on demand.

I have carefully considered your complaint and conclude that it does not involve misconduct. Accordingly, I will be taking no further action.

Yours sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Norman Sabourin.

Norman Sabourin  
Executive Director and Senior General Counsel



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