



LAW SOCIETY  
of ALBERTA

January 23, 2020

John M. Moreau, QC  
Chair, 2017 Justices of the Peace Compensation Commission  
c/o Ruth Fast  
Legal Counsel  
Justice and Solicitor General

Dear Mr. Moreau,

**Re: Justices of the Peace Compensation Commission (JPCC)**

The Law Society of Alberta has made submissions to previous commissions reviewing judicial compensation and benefits and provides this brief submission to the current JPCC.

The Law Society's position is that judicial independence is essential to a fair and impartial justice system in a free and democratic society. As the regulator of the legal profession, regulating in a manner consistent with protection of the public interest, the Law Society recognizes that there is a significant public interest in the maintenance of judicial independence. Financial security of the judiciary is an integral part of that judicial independence.

While the Law Society does not advocate for any specific remuneration or benefit package, it is our submission that the Commission's work and recommendations on compensation are essential to an effective and objective judicial compensation process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Rob W. Armstrong, QC**  
President  
Law Society of Alberta

cc: Elizabeth Osler, Chief Executive Officer & Executive Director, Law Society of Alberta