



MEDIA ADVISORY: ROBING CEREMONY FOR NEW JUDGE

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017 (Halifax, NS) – Members of the media are invited to attend the robing ceremony for Judge Diane McGrath, the newest judge of the Provincial and Family Courts of Nova Scotia, who will preside in Sydney.

When: 12 p.m., Friday, Nov. 17, 2017

Where: Courtroom #8, 5th Floor, Provincial Court, 136 Charlotte St., Sydney

All attendees, including media, are asked to arrive by 11:45 a.m. As per the [Guidelines for Media & Public Access to the Courts](#), video cameras and still photography will be permitted inside the courtroom during the ceremony; however, depending on space, media may be restricted to one area and not be permitted to move around the room.

Please note that Judge McGrath will not do media interviews. Members of the media are free to publish or broadcast any or all of the judge's remarks during the ceremony.

During her 23 years as a lawyer, Judge McGrath served as a domestic violence educator and co-trainer with the Nova Scotia Public Prosecution Service and helped develop and implement the Domestic Violence Court Program in Sydney. As a Crown, she was also a member of the prosecution service's Sexual Assault Working Group.

Before she joined the PPS, Judge McGrath practiced in Sydney with Nova Scotia Legal Aid and in private practice with H.F. Macintyre & Associates. She received her Queen's Counsel designation in 2011. Prior to her appointment on Sept. 19, 2017, Judge McGrath was involved in several community organizations, including Canadian Parents for French, the Kiwanis Club of Sydney, the Girl Guides, Scouts Canada, and her local church.

Copies of Judge McGrath's complete bio and headshot are attached to this email. For more information on the Nova Scotia Judiciary and the Courts, visit www.courts.ns.ca.

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