



CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018 (Halifax, NS) – The Honourable Joseph P. Kennedy, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, announced today that he will retire from the Bench, effective May 1, 2019.

A native of Enfield, N.S., Chief Justice Kennedy, 74, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Saint Mary's University and graduated with his law degree from Dalhousie University in 1965. He was called to the Nova Scotia Bar in 1969 and practiced law in Bridgewater with the firm of Kenny, Theakston, Kennedy and Allen until his appointment to the Bench.

Chief Justice Kennedy was first appointed a Judge of the Provincial Court of Nova Scotia in September 1978, presiding primarily in Bridgewater and Lunenburg. In July 1993, he was appointed as Associate Chief Judge of the Provincial Court and then Chief Judge in July 1996. During his years on the Provincial Court, Chief Justice Kennedy also held the position of President of the Nova Scotia Provincial Court Judges' Association.

In April 1997, Chief Kennedy was elevated to the Supreme Court, where he sat as a Justice for three months before being appointed as that Court's Associate Chief Justice in July 1997. A year later, in July 1998, he was appointed as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the position he holds today.

Today's announcement triggers the selection process to appoint a new Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, an appointment made by the federal Cabinet based on recommendations from the Prime Minister of Canada.

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