



SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR NEW SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

Monday, June 12, 2023

The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia will host a swearing-in ceremony in Port Hawkesbury later this week, the first such event the Supreme Court has held since before the COVID-19 pandemic.

The event will honour Justice Lorne J. MacDowell, one of several Supreme Court (Family Division) judges appointed in Nova Scotia over the past three years. The ceremony will take place at the Port Hawkesbury courthouse, 15 Kennedy Street, at 3 p.m. AST on Thursday, June 15, 2023.

The ceremony will also be livestreamed on the Courts of Nova Scotia website. The public and media can watch online at <https://www.courts.ns.ca/operations/webcasts>. Archived video of the ceremony will be posted online following the event.

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Justice Lorne J. MacDowell

Justice Lorne J. MacDowell was born and raised in Sydney Mines, Cape Breton, N.S. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree from Mount Allison University in 1980 and his Bachelor of Law degree from Dalhousie University in 1983. He articulated and practised law in Port Hawkesbury up until his appointment to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia (Family Division) on March 28, 2022.

Over the course of his 37-year legal career, Justice MacDowell built an extensive practise in the field of child protection litigation, with significant experience in municipal law, family and civil litigation and other fields. He also served as an Adjudicator on the Small Claims Court of Nova Scotia and an Assessment Appeal Court Vice Chairman. He was appointed Queens Counsel in October of 2002.

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