Update regarding the Chief Justice of New Brunswick

The Honourable Justice Marc Richard has stepped down from the position of Chief Justice of New Brunswick to become Chief Judicial Officer of the National Judicial Institute (NJI). Effective August 1, 2026, he has become a supernumerary judge of the Court of Appeal of New Brunswick.

Justice Richard was first appointed to the Court of Appeal in 2003 and was appointed Chief Justice in 2018. Over his more than twenty years on the Court of Appeal, he has contributed significantly to the administration of justice in New Brunswick, authoring many leading decisions, particularly in the field of criminal law. His influence has extended well beyond the province's borders. He has been actively engaged in legal and judicial education and reform initiatives, including in several countries abroad, and has served with numerous organizations, boards, and committees. Among these, he has had a long association with the National Judicial Institute.

Justice Richard states:

> *"It has been a profound privilege to serve as Chief Justice of New Brunswick. I am grateful to my colleagues on the Court of Appeal, to the members of the bar, and to the court staff whose dedication makes the work of the Court possible each day. Leading the Court over these years has been among the great honours of my career, carried out with a deep sense of responsibility to the people of this province. I step into this next chapter with full confidence in the strength of the Court and in those who will carry its work forward, and I extend my sincere, best wishes to my successor as Chief Justice."*

The Chief Justice of New Brunswick is appointed by the Governor General of Canada, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister of Canada. A new Chief Justice has not yet been appointed. During the interim period, and in accordance with the *Judicature Act*, the Honourable Justice Kathleen Quigg is deemed to be the Chief Justice of New Brunswick.