

Invitation to the Public to Participate on a Judicial Conduct Review Panel



Canadian Judicial Council
Conseil canadien de la magistrature

The CJC takes all allegations of misconduct about judges seriously. When an allegation appears to be serious enough to possibly warrant removal, the matter may be sent to a Review Panel of five persons for further consideration. That Review Panel must include a member of the public who is neither a lawyer nor a judge. This is to ensure that the public has a role to play in commenting on the conduct of their judges.

The essential function of a Panel is to decide whether an Inquiry Committee should be constituted in accordance with subsection 63(3) of the Judges Act.

If you are interested in participating in the work of a Review Panel, please consider the following:

Lay persons for judicial conduct review panels should demonstrate that they possess and exemplify the following qualities:

- Possesses integrity;
- Is respected in their community;
- Is aware of current events / social issues;
- Understands principles of judicial independence;
- Can commit the necessary time to review a matter and participate in deliberations;
- Can maintain confidentiality of the process and the deliberations;
- Has the language skills to understand, discuss and write about the issues at hand, in one of Canada's official languages.

To participate in the work of a JCRP, you must be a Canadian citizen residing in Canada and available to travel if necessary. You must be willing to take part in an information and training session regarding the duties and authorities of a JCRP.

If asked to participate on a Panel, you may:

- receive an honorarium for your service.
- be identified in public Council communications (such as a press release) but must refrain from publicly speaking about the matter;
- sign an undertaking of confidentiality;
- be considered an agent of Council for purposes of any legal action
- agree to any terms and conditions set by the Council.

If you would like to be considered, please submit a letter (no more than 3 pages) that indicates how you possess the qualities we seek and your understanding of the task. Please send your letter to:

The Registrar, Canadian Judicial Council, info@cjc-ccm.gc.ca