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MEMORANDUM

TO: To Members of the Family Law Bar (NS)
FROM: Associate Chief Justice Lawrence I. O'Neil
DATE: November 6th, 2014
RE: **Practice Tips**

Justice Doug Campbell will soon begin preparing and distributing a series of practice tips for the benefit of Family Law Practitioners appearing in the Supreme Court – Family Division throughout the Province.

I have asked him to do this because of his wealth of experience as a practising lawyer and Judge. Justice Campbell was a senior Family Law Practitioner in Halifax at the time of his appointment to the Supreme Court Family Division. He recently assumed supernumerary status and is in his 16th year as a Judge. I am pleased that he has agreed to take on this assignment.

Electronic distribution of these practice tips is being arranged. They will be posted on the Court's website, usually once per week. Notice of the posting will be sent to lawyers using twitter for those lawyers who subscribe to the Court's "Notices To The Legal Profession" twitter service (subscribe here: http://courts.ns.ca/General_Content/twitter.html) . In addition, notice of the postings, and a link to them, will be included in the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society "InForum" newsletter which is published every two weeks. Access to these practice tips for self-represented litigants will also be part of the design.

This memo will be distributed in that same manner and, in the meantime, will be placed in the mailboxes at the Devonshire Courthouse and at Sydney to be shared by all lawyers in organizations which maintain such a mailbox.

It is acknowledged that individual practitioners and Judges' preferences may require an adjustment to what is suggested in the hints. That is for each Judge and lawyer to decide. However, I am satisfied that these memos will be of value to all members of the Bar, particularly those who were recently admitted.

Lawrence I. O'Neil
Associate Chief Justice
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