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Friends,

It is my great pleasure to announce that the Nova Scotia Judiciary is planning an inaugural State of the Courts event for later this fall.

This event is an opportunity to teach the public about the role of the Judiciary as the Third Branch of Government, judicial independence and the impartiality of the Courts, and to highlight the Judiciary's priorities, including its access to justice work and diversity and community engagement initiatives.

The Nova Scotia Bar continues to play an important role in this work, and we would be honoured if you could join us not just to acknowledge these accomplishments but to renew our joint commitment to a more efficient, effective and accessible justice system in Nova Scotia.

The State of the Courts event is scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, Oct. 18, at the Law Courts in Halifax, with a reception to follow. Formal invitations will go out in the coming weeks, but keep in mind this event is open to all lawyers and the public. We also plan to offer a livestream for those who cannot be there in person.

If your schedule allows, I would encourage you to set aside some time to join us for this important event. Thank you.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J. Michael MacDonald". The signature is written in a cursive style.

J. Michael MacDonald