



## **MEDIA ADVISORY: ROBING CEREMONY FOR NEW CHIEF JUSTICE**

Thursday, May 9, 2019 (Halifax, NS) – Members of the media are invited to attend the robing ceremony for The Honourable Michael J. Wood, the new Chief Justice of the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal and the 23<sup>rd</sup> Chief Justice of Nova Scotia.

**When:** 2 p.m., Friday, May 31, 2019

**Where:** Courtroom 502, The Law Courts, 1815 Upper Water St., Halifax

All attendees, including media, are asked to arrive by 1:45 p.m. As per the [Guidelines for Media & Public Access to the Courts](#), video cameras and still photography will be permitted inside the courtroom during the ceremony; however, depending on space, media may be restricted to one area and not permitted to move around the room.

Please note that Chief Justice Wood will not do media interviews at this time. Members of the media are free to publish or broadcast any or all the Chief Justice's remarks during the ceremony.

Chief Justice Wood was born in Portsmouth, England, while his father was on exchange with the Royal Navy. He studied chemistry at Acadia University and graduated with a Bachelor of Laws degree from Dalhousie University in 1982. He was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar that same year and practiced law for almost 30 years with Burchells LLP, focusing primarily on civil litigation and administrative law.

Chief Justice Wood was first appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia in 2011. He was active in the administration of that Court through his involvement in many committees, including those related to the Civil Procedure Rules, court clerkship, and insolvency. He has led initiatives that help newly appointed judges successfully transition into their new roles on the Bench.

Chief Justice Wood was appointed to the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal and to the role of Chief Justice on April 17, 2019. A copy of his complete bio and headshot are attached to this email. For more information on the Nova Scotia Judiciary and the Courts, please visit [www.courts.ns.ca](http://www.courts.ns.ca).

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