



Executive Office of the Nova Scotia Judiciary

New Director of Communications for the Nova Scotia Judiciary

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Members of the media are advised that effective Wednesday, May 1, 2024, Andrew Preeper will take over as the new Communications Director for the Nova Scotia Judiciary.

Mr. Preeper holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dalhousie University and a Bachelor of Public Relations from Mount Saint Vincent University.

He has worked almost his entire career as a communications professional with the Province of Nova Scotia. Since 2009, Mr. Preeper has served in various communications roles with numerous government departments, including Health & Wellness, Finance & Treasury Board, Education & Early Childhood Development, and most recently Justice, where he was the Communications Director. He has extensive experience working on high-profile and complex communications files, including support for Public Health officials during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Among other responsibilities, the Communications Director for the Nova Scotia Judiciary acts as a liaison between judges and the media, helping them access court proceedings and court records, judges' decisions, and other court information, where appropriate. The Communications Director is also responsible for maintaining content on the Courts of Nova Scotia website and ensuring a professional presence for the Courts on social media.

Jennifer Stairs served as Communications Director for the Judiciary since April 2016. As part of a recent reorganization of the Executive Office, Ms. Stairs has accepted a new role as the Director of Operations for the Nova Scotia Judiciary. This is a new position responsible for managing delivery of a wide range of operational and strategic services for the Council of Nova Scotia Chiefs, as well as support for the All Courts judicial committees, and managing the Executive Office's financial and human resources.

Ms. Stairs will continue to provide oversight of the media relations and communications work, including participation on the Courts' Media Liaison Committee, for the foreseeable future.

Starting Wednesday, May 1, 2024, members of the media can reach Mr. Preeper by email at Andrew.Preeper@courts.ns.ca or by phone at 902-424-7412.

Background

The Executive Office of the Nova Scotia Judiciary is an independent body that provides planning, policy, and communications support for the Council of Nova Scotia Chiefs and the almost 100 Judges of the Nova Scotia Courts.

Staff in the Executive Office are committed to:

- enhancing and defending the independence of the Judiciary;
- supporting and improving the proper administration of justice;
- providing continuing education about the Courts and the Judiciary;
- liaising with members of the media and the public; and
- working with government at the policy level, where appropriate.

The Executive Office staff members represent the Judiciary when working with other justice system organizations across the province and Canada on initiatives aimed at improving access to and the administration of justice.