



SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

Thursday, June 22, 2023

The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia will host a swearing-in ceremony in Halifax this week honouring Justice Gail L. Gatchalian, the province's first judge of Filipino descent.

The ceremony will take place at the Halifax Law Courts, 1815 Upper Water Street, starting at 2 p.m. AST on Friday, June 23, 2023. The ceremony will also be livestreamed on the Courts of Nova Scotia website. The public and media can watch online at <https://www.courts.ns.ca/operations/webcasts>. Archived video of the ceremony will be posted online following the event.

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Justice Gail L. Gatchalian

Justice Gail L. Gatchalian graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Honours) from Dalhousie University in 1993, and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law in 1996.

She articulated at a law firm in Toronto before returning to Nova Scotia in 1999. During her 22 years practicing in Halifax, she focused primarily on labour, employment, human rights, and constitutional law. She received her Queen's Counsel designation in 2018.

Justice Gatchalian is a former President of the Canadian Bar Association – Nova Scotia Branch, a former Chair of the CBA National Labour and Employment Law Section, and former Equity Chair of the CBA-NS. She also served as a Nova Scotia Human Rights Board of Inquiry Chair.

Justice Gatchalian was appointed to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia on April 6, 2021. She presides primarily in Kentville and Halifax.

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