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Indigenous Bar Association Congratulates Justice Glenn Joyal on Appointment to the Supreme Court of Canada

The Indigenous Bar Association (“IBA”) extends its sincere congratulations to the Honourable Glenn D. Joyal on his appointment to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Chief Justice Joyal's appointment reflects a distinguished career dedicated to access to justice and the rule of law. Throughout his tenure on the Manitoba courts, including most recently as Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench of Manitoba, he has earned the respect of the legal profession through his thoughtful jurisprudence and dedication to the fair administration of justice.

For Indigenous peoples, the Supreme Court of Canada occupies a significant role. The Court's decisions shape the interpretation and implementation of section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, influence the evolution of Indigenous rights law, and affect the relationship between Indigenous Nations and the Crown. Appointments to Canada's highest court carry profound importance for all across Turtle Island.

IBA members have had the opportunity to engage with Chief Justice Joyal over many years and recognize his longstanding contributions to the legal profession. His reputation for intellectual rigor, fairness, and judicial independence has made him a respected jurist. His appointment is also a source of pride for Manitoba and the broader Western Canadian legal community.

“Appointments to the Supreme Court of Canada are among the most consequential decisions affecting the future of Canadian law and its impacts on Indigenous peoples. The IBA congratulates Chief Justice Joyal on this significant achievement and wishes him every success as he undertakes this important new role,” said Ajay Winterburn, President of the IBA.

The IBA looks forward to the continued development of Canadian jurisprudence in a manner that advances reconciliation, upholds the honour of the Crown, respects Indigenous legal traditions, and promotes meaningful access to justice for Indigenous peoples.

The IBA remains committed to working alongside governments, courts, and legal institutions to advance the recognition and implementation of Indigenous rights and Indigenous laws throughout Canada.

The IBA is a national non-profit organization representing Indigenous (First Nation, Métis, and Inuit) lawyers (practicing and non-practicing), judges, legal academics and scholars, articling clerks and law students, including graduate and post-graduate law students and paralegals in Canada. The IBA's mandate includes, inter alia, advocating for the recognition of Indigenous laws, legal traditions, protocols and processes; promoting the reform of policies and laws affecting Indigenous peoples in Canada; and fostering public awareness within the legal community in respect of legal and social issues of concern to Indigenous peoples in Canada. For more information, please visit www.indigenousbar.ca.