

July 10, 2026

To: The Honourable Alan S. Diner, Chief Justice of the Federal Court

Re: Congratulations on Your Appointment as Chief Justice of the Federal Court

Dear Chief Justice Diner,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and members of the Canadian Immigration Lawyers Association ("CILA"), we write to extend our warmest congratulations on your appointment as Chief Justice of the Federal Court.

Your appointment is a source of particular pride for the Canadian immigration bar. Your path from newcomer to Canada, to counsel and public servant, to the bench, embodies both the promise of the system our members work within every day and a first-hand understanding of what is at stake for those who appear before the Court. Your record of pro bono service, including the representation of refugees, and your longstanding commitment to mentoring newcomers and young lawyers alike, reflect the very values on which CILA was founded.

Over more than a decade of service on the Federal Court, you have earned the respect of counsel across the country for the fairness, rigour, and clarity of your judgments, and for your generosity in engaging with and educating the bar. You assume the leadership of the Court at a time of historic demand, when immigration and refugee matters comprise the substantial majority of its docket and the need for timely, accessible, and fair adjudication has never been greater. That the Court will now be led by a jurist with such a deep understanding of immigration law, and of the people whose lives it touches, gives our members great confidence in the years ahead. We also take this opportunity to acknowledge the distinguished service of your predecessor, the Honourable Paul Crampton.

CILA is committed to fostering a strong and collegial relationship between the Court and the immigration bar. We would welcome any opportunity to support the work of the Court, whether through bench and bar consultation, professional education, or our shared commitment to access to justice, and we look forward to collaborating with you and your colleagues in the years to come.

Please accept our very best wishes as you take up this important office.

Yours very truly,



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