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The Honourable Rob Nicholson, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister,

On behalf of the Canadian Bar Association, I am writing to extend my congratulations on your new portfolio. The CBA has always fostered a strong and fruitful relationship with the Minister of Justice. We look forward to meeting regularly with you and your officials to convey the perspective of the legal profession on issues of mutual interest.

The CBA is a national association representing over 37,000 jurists, including lawyers, notaries, law teachers and students across Canada. Our primary objectives include improvement in the law and in the administration of justice. As the recognized voice of the legal profession in Canada, the CBA is an active participant in the policy and legislative development process. The Minister of Justice and the CBA share a number of fundamental values that direct our respective work in this regard:

- Ensuring access to justice;
- Adherence to the rule of law; and
- Upholding the independence of the judiciary and the legal profession.

These principles bear on key issues your government is addressing throughout its mandate. I would like to **request a meeting** at your earliest convenience, to discuss these and other critical issues of mutual interest.

We would also be honoured for you to address the CBA Mid-Winter Meeting of our National Council, which will take place in Mont Tremblant on February 17 and 18, 2007. This forum will give you an opportunity to speak to the legal profession on your upcoming plans and priorities. I would also be pleased for you to join me at the President's Dinner on the evening of February 16.

Yours very truly,

(original signed by J. Parker MacCarthy)

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