

**ONTARIO JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

**IN THE MATTER OF a complaint respecting**

**The Honourable Justice Donald McLeod**

**A Judge of the Ontario Court of Justice in the Central West Region**

**Before:**

The Honourable Justice Robert Sharpe, Chair  
Court of Appeal for Ontario

The Honourable Justice Hugh Fraser  
Ontario Court of Justice

Mr. David Porter  
McCarthy Tétrault  
Lawyer Member

Ms. Judith A. LaRocque  
Community Member

**Hearing Panel of the Ontario Judicial Council**

**REASONS FOR DECISION RE COMPENSATION  
FOR LEGAL COSTS**

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Counsel for the Honourable Justice Donald McLeod

## **REASONS FOR DECISION RE COMPENSATION FOR LEGAL COSTS**

[1] By reasons dated December 20, 2018, we dismissed the complaint against Justice Donald McLeod. The *Courts of Justice Act*, R.S.O. 1980, c.C43, s. 51.7(5), provides that where a complaint is dismissed, the Panel is required to recommend to the Attorney General that the judge be compensated for costs of his legal representation. Section 51.7(7) provides the Panel with discretion to recommend all or part of the judge's costs for legal services.

[2] Justice McLeod's counsel has provided the Panel with a detailed outline of legal costs and disbursements totaling \$81,265.96 inclusive of HST and disbursements. We have reviewed that outline. Presenting Counsel advises the Panel that, in her view, the request is reasonable. We agree.

[3] Accordingly, we recommend to the Attorney General that Justice McLeod be compensated in the amount of \$81,265.96 inclusive of HST and disbursements for the legal costs he incurred in this matter.

Date: January 22, 2019

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