

ONTARIO JUDICIAL COUNCIL

**IN THE MATTER OF A HEARING UNDER SECTION 51.6 of the
COURTS OF JUSTICE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. C. 43, as amended**

**Concerning a Complaint about the Conduct of
the Honourable Justice Donald McLeod**

Before: Justice Janet Simmons, Chair
Court of Appeal for Ontario

Justice Michael J. Epstein
Ontario Court of Justice

Mr. Malcolm M. Mercer
Lawyer Member

Mr. Victor Royce
Community Member

Hearing Panel of the Ontario Judicial Council

DECISION OF THE HEARING PANEL ON ACCOMODATION REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

Presenting Counsel:

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Veronica Sjolin, Graeme Hamilton

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Craig Gilchrist; Faisal Mirza; Gates Criminal Law: Kelly Gates

1. On February 18, 2021, the Registrar of the Ontario Judicial Council was advised by counsel for a member of the public that the member of the public required accommodation for the remaining hearing dates in the form of ASL Interpretation because the member of the public is deaf and unable to read.
2. On February 19, 2021, counsel for the member of the public advised that she would be able to provide ASL interpretation for her client if the Judicial Council was unable to secure such services for any of the hearing continuation dates.
3. Based on this information, we direct that, although not a certified ASL interpreter, counsel may provide and/or arrange for ASL interpretation services to be provided to the member of the public on such continuation dates. Each interpreter shall be reimbursed for this service to a maximum of \$100 per hour with a maximum of three interpreters per day, each of whom must submit an invoice that otherwise conforms to government standards.

Released this day: February 23, 2021.

“Justice Janet Simmons”, Chair

“Justice Michael J. Epstein”

“Mr. Malcolm M. Mercer”

“Mr. Victor Royce”