



COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN ONGOING EDUCATION EFFORTS

Any person who wishes to apply to become a judge must complete the *Questionnaire for Federal Judicial Appointments*. The Council has made suggestions for changes to the form to better formalize the role of judicial education.

The Council is of the view that asking candidates for the judiciary to answer a question about past training and to make an undertaking to pursue ongoing education would be desirable.

Specifically, the Questionnaire would include the following:

“Please provide information on any social context education you may have taken, including education relating to gender equality and sexual assault”.

Further, the Questionnaire would have any applicant for judicial office complete the following:

“If I am appointed to the Bench, I hereby undertake to abide by Canadian Judicial Council policies in respect of professional development, including the requirement that I participate in ongoing social context education, which includes issues surrounding sexual assault. I recognize that a failure to uphold this undertaking may constitute misconduct if I am appointed as a judge. ”