Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [JPS/044/2015]

Dear [Redacted],

This is to confirm that on October 27, 2015, the Department of Justice and Public Safety received your request for access to the following records/information:

"Could I please obtain copies of all minutes, briefing notes or other documentation used or created by the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador Rules Committee from November 2014 until October 2015? Could I also please request a list of dates showing when the Rules Committee met?"

Please be advised that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Justice and Public Safety to refuse access to these records in accordance with the following exception to disclosure, as specified in the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act):

5. (1) This Act applies to all records in the custody of or under the control of a public body but does not apply to
(a) a record in a court file, a record of a judge of the Court of Appeal, Trial Division, or Provincial Court, a judicial administration record or a record relating to support services provided to the judges of those courts:

The Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador Rules Committee is a committee of the Court and is established under Section 54 of the Judicature Act. While a representative of the Department is required to be a member of the committee, these records are under the control of the Courts. The Department can advise that the Committee met on February 3, 2015 and June 10, 2015.

Please be advised that you may appeal this decision and ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the decision to refuse access to the requested information, as set out in section 42 of the Act (a copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your reference). A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner. Your appeal should identify your concerns with the request and why you are submitting the appeal.
The appeal may be addressed to the Information and Privacy Commissioner as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
2 Canada Drive
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John's, NL, A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the Act (a copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your reference).

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me by telephone at 709-729-7906, or ncroke@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Neil Croke
ATIPP Coordinator