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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is my pleasure and good fortune to be writing to you for the purpose of celebrating the 100th anniversary of the BC Court of Appeal. I invite you to join with the Court in commemorating this centenary.

The BC Court of Appeal's 100th anniversary affords us the chance to join as a profession together with the citizens of British Columbia to acknowledge the hard work of our predecessors and to inspire the next generation. We look forward to welcoming everyone to the events and celebrations planned for 2010.

To commemorate the Court's centenary and to honour the many men and women who, as judges, lawyers, and staff, have contributed to the history and legacy of the Court, a number of events are planned. Throughout the year, these events will be a mix of academic, professional, and social gatherings. All offer the chance to recognize the accomplishments of those who went before, and to add our contribution to that history.

At the focal event, on April 22–24, 2010, the BC Court of Appeal will commemorate its 100th anniversary through a conference program and gala dinner. Members of the national appellate judiciary will attend a symposium on April 22 followed by a two-day conference (April 23–24) open to members of the bar at the Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue. The Court of Appeal invites the legal community to celebrate its centenary at a gala dinner at Vancouver's Westin Bayshore on Friday, April 23, 2010. The Chief Justice of Canada, the Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin P.C., will be the dinner's keynote speaker. Please visit the BC Court of Appeal's 100th anniversary event website at www.BCCA100.ca for more information.

In addition, special sittings of the Court are being held in Victoria, Vancouver, Prince George, Kamloops, and Kelowna during 2010 with accompanying dinners to celebrate the occasion.

The events and publications planned for the 100th anniversary of the BC Court of Appeal provide an opportunity for the Court to become better known to all British Columbians. This centenary year is a milestone at which the Court can anticipate a promising future while acknowledging a remarkable past. All of us at the Court, judiciary and staff, hope that these celebrations and commemorations will set the tone for the next century of achievement. Please join us.

Yours truly,

The Honourable Lance Finch
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