From: Matheson, Carissa JAG:EX
To: Scherf, Robert LASS:EX;
cc: Coburn, Lindsay JAG:EX;
Subject: Contact: Geoff Cowper

Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2012 2:39:48 PM

Hi Rob,

I understand MLA Krueger wants the contact information for Geoff Cowper.

Mr. Cowper may be reached at the following: (604) 631-3185 (office)

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Carissa Matheson

Administrative Coordinator for the Honourable Shirley Bond Minister of Justice and Attorney General

Telephone: 250 952-6710

Fax: 250 387-6411

carissa.matheson@gov.

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From:

Bond.MLA, Shirley [Shirley.Bond.MLA@leg.bc.ca]

Sent:

Monday, March 5, 2012 10:22 AM

To: Subject: Minister, JAG JAG:EX
FW: Web site feedback email

For your response.

Thanks Katrina

----Original Message----

From: webmaster@shirleybondmla.bc.ca [mailto:webmaster@shirleybondmla.bc.ca]

Sent: March-02-12 6:46 PM To: Bond.MLA, Shirley

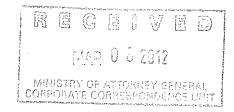
Subject: Web site feedback email

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requiredemail: s.22 requiredpostalcode: s.22



comments: This is response to your comments on ctv news with regards to the poor job of BC judges. You said that this is not the feelings of BC and by BC I hope you were not speaking for me because I feel and know for a fact that BC judges, s.22

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s.22 I did not vote for you or will I ever vote for you, so you may want to reconsider speaking on behalf of BC because you definitely do not speak for me.

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From:

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Sent:

Monday, March 5, 2012 9:26 AM

To:

Minister, JAG JAG:EX

Subject:

FW: A bad 'apple' and his British Columbia ' Kangaroo Court'

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For your response.

Thanks Katrina

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From:

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Sent: March-03-12 9:24 PM To: Krueger.MLA, Kevin

Cc: <u>rshaw@timescolonist.com</u>; <u>lenoard.krog.mla@leg.bc.ca</u>; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Bond.MLA, Shirley;

info@cjc-ccm.gc.ca; Nichor@parl.gc.ca; Elizabeth.May.C1B@parl.gc.ca; Elizabeth.May@parl.gc.ca

Subject: A bad 'apple' and his British Columbia ' Kangaroo Court'

Importance: High

March 3, 2012

To:

British Columbia MLA Kevin Krueger

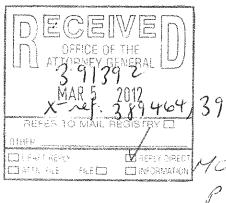
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Attorney General, Shirley Bond

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Yours truly,

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From:

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Sent:

Monday, March 5, 2012 3:06 PM

To:

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Subject:

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For your response.

Thanks Katrina

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Sent: March-05-12 1:14 PM **To:** info@cjc-ccm.gc.ca

Cc: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Bond.MLA, Shirley; rshaw@timescolonist.com; Krueger.MLA, Kevin

Subject: Fw: A bad 'apple' and his British Columbia ' Kangaroo Court '

Importance: High

March 5, 2012

Canadian Judicial Council

c/o

Norman Sabourin

Executive Director and Senior General Counsel

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Re: Your file 11-0401 and your letter of 27 February 2012

Dear Mr. Sabourin:

I'm not disputing Judge,

decisions in any manner, and I'm not appealing any

of his decisions.

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the Law Court in Victoria, B.C., and why he ignored the Canadian Bill of Rights, and why he ignored the B.C. Human Rights Code, section 8 (1) (a).

I'm enclosing 5 pages from

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paragraph 112, 113, 114, 115 and 116, which you can show to the Honourable Neil C. Wittmann, Chief Justice of the Court of the Queen's Bench of Alberta and Vice-Chairperson of the Judicial Conduct Committe of the Canadian Judicial Council, and to the rest of the Canadian Judicial Council, just so everybody will know what sort of Judges there is employed here in British Columbia.

Yours truly,

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cc, B.C., Premier, Christy Clark
Attorney General, Shirley Bond
B.C. MLA, Kevin Kreuger
Reporter, Rob Shaw, Times Colonist, Victoria, B.C.
Et. al.

---- Original Message ----- From: Bond.MLA. Shirley

To: s.2

Sent: Monday, March 05, 2012 9:25 AM

Subject: RE: A bad 'apple' and his British Columbia ' Kangaroo Court '

Thank you for contacting me with your concerns. As this is my constituency email address and your concern is related to the Attorney General ministry, your email will be forwarded to my Ministry email address. A staff member from the Ministry will be in contact with you as soon as possible.

Again, thank you for contacting me, your concerns are important to me.

Sincerely, Shirley Bond, MLA Prince George – Valemount

Minister of Justice, Attorney General

From:

Sent: March-03-12 9:24 PM To: Krueger.MLA, Kevin

Cc: rshaw@timescolonist.com; lenoard.krog.mla@leg.bc.ca; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Bond.MLA, Shirley;

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Importance: High

Leonard Krog, MLA

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Province of British Columbia Legislative Assembly



Leonard Krog, MLA (Nanaimo)

March 1, 2012

The Honourable Christy Clark Premier W. Annex, Parliament Buildings Victoria, BC, V8V 1X4

The Honourable Shirley Bond Minister of Justice and Attorney General Room 232, Parliament Buildings Victoria, BC, V8V 1X4

Dear Premier and Minister Bond,

On February 29, 2012, inappropriate remarks were made in the legislature by the member for Kamloops-South Thompson, Kevin Krueger, concerning British Columbia's judiciary. I have attached the transcript for your convenience. The comments made by the member were inflammatory in nature and called into question the independence, impartiality, and integrity of our judiciary. As a result, I am calling on you Premier, as head of the Government and leader of the BC Liberal Party to direct Mr. Krueger to withdraw his comments from the House.

I am also directing this to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, as she has a unique role in the justice system and it is incumbent in this role for her to defend the judiciary. The judiciary plays an integral role in British Columbia's justice system and unfortunately this was made light of by the member's comments. As such, I hope these inflammatory sentiments do not reflect the views of your government or your party.

I expect these comments to be addressed. This is a serious matter and there can be no excuse for such comments to be made in the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Leonard Krog, MLA, Nanaimo

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Opposition Critic for the Attorney General

Attachment: Hansard, 2012-02-29

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cc: The Honourable Chief Judge Thomas Crabtree,
Provincial Court of British Columbia
Bruce A. LeRose, QC, President of the Law Society of British Columbia
Sharon D. Matthews, President of the Canadian Bar Association, BC Branch
Marc Kazimirski, President of the Trial Lawyers Association of British Columbia

DEBATES OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

(HANSARD)

HOUSE BLUES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2012

Afternoon Sitting

K. Krueger:

I'll tell you something else that these members don't do that really bugs me, and that's these people who, for their own selfish interests, lobby government through the media, especially judges.

Now, any one of you members would really have a problem if you phoned a judge and said, "I don't think you're handling that case right" — especially if you're a cabinet minister.

We all know what happened. We had a judge recently saying that he let an accused child offender leave his courtroom, and he made political statements about this being because the government is not funding them properly. That is horrendous. I would rather have a guy shake me down on the street for money than let an accused child offender walk, with the prospect that he might offend other children. I was absolutely appalled. It's outrageous.

MLAs don't phone judges. Judges should judge individual cases before them. They should get them done. That is a tremendously inefficient system. It has inefficiencies built in every step of the way. It seems to have no drive to conclude cases.

I think they've got to shake themselves up. They don't want us coming in and telling them how to do things better, but I don't think they should be politicking. I think they should be judging their cases. It's dishonourable to start politicking from the bench. There have been a number of examples of that, including a group of judges actually suing the government for higher wages. When people hear what wages they get now, they're scandalized because they're so out of whack. They get paid way more than anybody who is elected to serve in this House or any of the people who work for us.

It's just completely unacceptable that they would then sue the people of British Columbia, through the government, because they want to do better yet. They want to be blind to the economic situation that other British Columbians and the whole province find themselves in. They should batten down the hatches and do their jobs, one case at a time.

Be happy that the level of crime is way down. Stop whining about how many judges there are, and get the work done. Do something creative.

There are call centres that actually do a very efficient job of making sure the next client who needs service gets the next server. Why couldn't we do that? They're already doing virtual court things. They're

doing videos in courtrooms. I don't know, but there's no real good reason — except that they don't want to be watched — why judges don't want cameras in courtrooms. I think it's really healthy for the judges to be under public scrutiny.

I've long advocated the Court Watch system, which they use in other jurisdictions, where the public is encouraged by the organization. "Go on in and watch the judges. It's really interesting." When they know that people are watching, you would find the judgments that ensue a lot more along your line of thinking, because the judges aren't as accountable when people aren't watching them.

M. Sather: You don't like those judges, do you?

K. Krueger: It's not that I don't like judges, Member opposite. There are many good judges. There are some real bad apples. If you've been doing your reading, Mr. Member, you'll know about those and some of the outrageous things that they have said and done.

Now, when they laugh like that, I think they probably haven't been doing their reading, and they're not aware that we have some real problem people on the bench. We have way too frequent adjournments, way too many stays.

Oh, and Member, it's not as though I don't know they're going to read it. I hope they're going to read it, and I hope they're going to have a real hard look in the mirror.

Some of those judges have no great drive to get things done, but they want to lecture. They want to hector the government. I hope this upsets them enough to sit down and talk to each other and say: "Well, those things the MLA said today are true. We've got to stop having these disgraceful cases of people walking from the courts."

It's not tough to get people charged or get their case into court. We all know that. It takes a long, long time. Once they're there, the judge who's responsible should take that case very, very seriously. Every one of them should work at least an eight-hour day. I've been in court and seen judges just get tired of listening and make a pronouncement that didn't look very fair to me.

I think the judges should look at the way that they choose judges. I think the lists they submit for who should next get to be a judge are way too brief sometimes, and I don't think we know the half of that. I encourage the members opposite to read about Court Watch and encourage their constituents. Probably lots of people don't know about that organization. I think that a whole lot of their constituents, just like me and my constituents, are flabbergasted by some of the things that judges do and some of the people that walk away with a slap on the wrist or even less.

Krog 391218 March 5, 2012

Mr. Leonard Krog MLA for Nanaimo 4 – 77 Victoria Crescent Nanaimo BC V9R 5B9

Dear Mr. Krog:

Thank you for your letter of March 1, 2012, regarding the remarks made by Mr. Kevin Krueger, MLA for Kamloops-South Thompson, in the Legislature on February 29, 2012.

As Minister of Justice and Attorney General, I can assure you that I respect the work done by the judiciary in our province. Our government fully respects the independent role of the judiciary and recognizes that a positive and constructive relationship is critical to our ability to work together on important initiatives.

I have spoken with Mr. Krueger and made it clear that I do not agree with his remarks. They do not reflect my views or the views of our government.

While I did ask MLA Krueger to reconsider his remarks, he has chosen to stand by the comments made in the Legislature.

Immediately after becoming aware of the remarks, I expressed my regret and concern to the three Chief Judges of the Court and assured them that these comments did not reflect my views or those of government.

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Sincerely,

Shirley Bond Minister of Justice and Attorney General

pc: The Honourable Christy Clark





The Honourable Christy Clark Premier PO BOX 9041 STN PROV GOVT Victoria BC V8W 9E1 CANADA

Minister of Justice and Attorney General PO BOX 9044 STN PROV GOVT Victoria BC V8W 9E2 CANADA

2 March 2012

Dear Premier Clark and Ms Attorney:

The last several weeks have seen an unfortunate Increase in "finger pointing" around justice system issues. The comments made by MLA Kevin Krueger in the Legislature yesterday display a lack of respect for, and misinformed view of, the work done by the Judicial Branch of Government.

We appreciate that the Attorney General has publicly stated that she does not share MLA Krueger's views. In addition, the CBA BC calls upon the Premier to disassociate the Legislative and Executive Branches of Government from the remarks of Mr. Krueger and to confirm your Government's respect for the judiciary and the importance of the independence of the judiciary in our democracy.

The CBA BC Branch remains prepared to work constructively with all stakeholders on justice system reform, but that work will not be successful in an environment of distrust and inflammatory comments. We believe it is important that Mr. Krueger's remarks be quickly and clearly isolated so that reform discussions can proceed in a spirit of respect and understanding.

Regards,

Sharon D. Matthews

President

Canadian Bar Association BC Branch

Richardson, Robert C JAG:EX

From: Donald, Janet AG:EX

Sent: Monday, March 5, 2012 11:32 AM

To: Butler, Lisa AG:EX

Subject: RE: Letter to AG from the BC Branch of CBA - 391252

Perfect, thanks Lisa

From: Butler, Lisa AG:EX

Sent: Monday, March 5, 2012 10:33 AM

To: Donald, Janet AG:EX

Subject: Letter to AG from the BC Branch of CBA - 391252

Hi Janet,

The AG also received the attached letter from the BC Branch of the CBA regarding Kevin Krueger's remarks.

I have used the same response as the one to Leonard Krog with one small addition to the second sentence in paragraph three. Not sure if that's how you want to answer this one, but it's attached for your review.

Thanks.

Lisa

Richardson, Robert C JAG:EX

From: Donald, Janet AG:EX

Sent: Friday, March 2, 2012 11:50 AM

To: Butler, Lisa AG:EX

Cc: Pacey, Rebecca A AG:EX; Miller, Brenda L AG:EX

Subject: RE: Letter to AG and Premier from Leonard Krog - 391218

Thanks Lisa – I talked to Carleen at the MO she is going to send me some points that can be worked into the letter. Will send them along to you upon receipt. Enjoy your weekend!

J

From: Butler, Lisa AG:EX

Sent: Friday, March 2, 2012 11:47 AM

To: Donald, Janet AG:EX **Cc:** Pacey, Rebecca A AG:EX

Subject: RE: Letter to AG and Premier from Leonard Krog - 391218

I can deal with this Monday Janet. Thanks.

From: Donald, Janet AG:EX Sent: March 2, 2012 11:26 AM

To: Pacey, Rebecca A AG:EX; Butler, Lisa AG:EX

Subject: RE: Letter to AG and Premier from Leonard Krog - 391218

Hi – I got this wording from Jeff Groot (GCPE) - do they want the letter today or can we do it Monday??

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As Attorney General I have spoken with MLA Krueger today to let him know that I don't agree with his remarks. I have asked that he reconsider, but it is not within my ability to compel him, or any member, to withdraw remarks made in the House.

From: Pacey, Rebecca A AG:EX **Sent:** Friday, March 2, 2012 10:20 AM To: Butler, Lisa AG:EX; Donald, Janet AG:EX Subject: RE: Letter to AG and Premier from Leonard Krog - 391218 Thanks Lisa for dealing with this one as I hadn't gotten around to it yet. I see they want us to use the wording from another cliff log. Rebecca Pacey | HQ Executive Clerk Executive Office | Court Services Branch | Ministry of Attorney General Direct: 250.356.1524 | Fax: 250.356.8152 | Email: rebecca.pacey@gov.bc.ca From: Butler, Lisa AG:EX Sent: Friday, March 2, 2012 10:08 AM **To:** Donald, Janet AG:EX Cc: Pacey, Rebecca A AG:EX Subject: Letter to AG and Premier from Leonard Krog - 391218 Hi Janet, The MO is asking for an AG response to the attached letter from Leonard Krog to be processed on a rush basis. Can you please let me know the AG's position on this issue.

Thanks.

Lisa

Richardson, Robert C JAG:EX

From: Donald, Janet AG:EX

Sent: Monday, March 5, 2012 9:38 AM

To: Butler, Lisa AG:EX

Subject: RE: AG Draft to Leonard Krog for Approval - 391218
Attachments: Krog-AG ltr(remarks made by Kevin Krueger).docx

Looks good Lisa – s.13

J

From: Butler, Lisa AG:EX

Sent: Monday, March 5, 2012 9:17 AM

To: Donald, Janet AG:EX

Subject: AG Draft to Leonard Krog for Approval - 391218

Thanks Janet.

Attached is a draft response for your review. I incorporated the wording below and the wording from the letter to the three Chiefs into the draft.

From: Donald, Janet AG:EX

Sent: Monday, March 5, 2012 8:47 AM

To: Butler, Lisa AG:EX **Subject:** FW: Letter

See infor below from MO

From: Kerr, Carleen JAG:EX

Sent: Saturday, March 3, 2012 12:35 PM

To: Donald, Janet AG:EX

Subject: Letter

Hi Janet,

For the response to MLA Krog, please work in the comments below:

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While I did ask MLA Krueger to reconsider his remarks, he has chosen to stand by the comments made in the Legislature.

Immediately after becoming aware of the remarks, I expressed my regret and concern to the three Chief Judges of the Court and assured them that these comments did not reflect my views or those of government. We fully respect the independent role of the judiciary.

Please give me a call if you have further questions.

Kind regards, Carleen Carleen Kerr Executive Assistant to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General 250-387-1866

From:

Bond.MLA, Shirley [Shirley.Bond.MLA@leg.bc.ca]

Sent:

Monday, March 5, 2012 9:55 AM

To: Subject: Minister, JAG JAG:EX FW: Criticism of Judges

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Thanks Katrina

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From: Sent: March-03-12 12:02 PM

To: Krueger.MLA, Kevin

Cc: Bond.MLA, Shirley; premier@gov.bc.ca; Editor; Editor; Editor; Editor; Editor

Subject: Criticism of Judges

Hello Mr Krueger (MLA)

Good for your criticism of the judges and the judicial system in general - do not be intimidated into backing down. Judges are representing themselves and their egos to the world and not repesenting the wishes and interests of the people that they are supposed to represent - me and you. They believe that they can challenge any law that gets passed and they have no respect for the sentences that should be passed. The police regularly arrest the same offender every second day and the judges let them out with a slap on the wrist (perhaps) every other second day. Ask the police why they persevere and they tell you that at least the scum is off the street for at least 50% of the time. Judges complain about work load, but a work day consists of ridiculously short hours, extended tea, coffee and lunch breaks - just go and sit in court one day and you will be appalled at their attitudes - they are paid stupidly high salaries for the little amount of value work that they may do. Work hours should be extended (even one hour a day would make an incredible inroad into the backlog of cases). Our judges should be elected by the populous and then their attitudes would change to one of respect for society.

Best Regards

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