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Dear Attorneys Young and Morrissette:

I am writing in response to your letter of October 23, 2025 that you sent in the aftermath of the Todd Bookman story on NHPR regarding your client, Chief Justice Gordon MacDonald. My understanding from our phone conversation is that you represent the Chief Justice in his personal capacity and that you do not represent the Judicial Branch.

The Department of Justice will conduct an initial review to investigate the facts and circumstances referenced in Mr. Bookman's reporting and determine if any appropriate next steps are warranted. To be clear, this is strictly a preliminary review, and no formal criminal investigation has been opened. Because of that, we ask that your client preserve any and all records related to the employment by the Judicial Branch of Dianne Martin, including any documents that make reference to the termination of her employment as Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, and her hiring into a position in the Office of Bar Admissions. This preservation request includes any notes, in any form, emails, text messages, voicemail messages, memos, and any other documents related to her hiring, termination, lay-off, compensation, payment of accrued benefits, and re-hiring of Ms. Martin.

Sincerely,

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