

Minister Kang, Sunny and Salman,

I've heard that you are turning the Law Courts Inn into office space without consultation. If this is true it is a terrible shame and something I completely disagree with. You should not close the Inn.

I was the Chair of two sections of the Canadian Bar Association for many years. Judicial guests were always sought and the Inn was the natural place (the best and sometimes the only place) where an event with them could be hosted. The loss of that space means an incredible loss for the CBA and its members.

Similarly, the Inns host both the Inns of Court Program and, from time to time, the Advocate's Club. Both of these are highly valuable programs for young (and middle-aged) practitioners. I spent many evenings at the Inns while I was involved with these groups.

Preserving a neutral gathering space and the dialogue between practitioners and the judiciary is incredibly important, particularly now. A decision that results in their closure – without notice or consultation – is short-sighted and foolish. I have no doubt that you have received many messages like this one.

I hope that you will see fit to reconsider.

- C. Wardell