

Statement

Minister of Justice extends condolences after passing of Chief Justice

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George Hickes, Minister of Justice, released the following statement today:

"It is with deep sadness that I learned of the passing of the Honourable Ritu Khullar, Chief Justice of the Nunavut Court of Appeal.

In 2022, she was appointed Chief Justice of Alberta and Chief Justice of the Courts of Appeal of Alberta, the Northwest Territories, and Nunavut, roles she considered the greatest privilege and honour of her professional life.

Chief Justice Khullar served Nunavummiut with fairness, thoughtfulness, and compassion, and upheld the belief that legal institutions mattered most when they met people fairly in the circumstances of their lives. She credited her humility, patience, acceptance and flexibility to her role as a parent, qualities she demonstrated abundantly throughout her career.

On behalf of myself and the Department of Justice, I extend my deepest sympathies and condolences to her family, friends and colleagues for their loss.”

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