



March 1, 2021

The Honourable Catrina Braid
Ontario Superior Court of Justice
85 Frederick Street
Kitchener, ON N2H 0A7

Dear Justice Braid:

I am very pleased that OJEN's third annual "Braiding Diversity into Justice" event will be taking place on Thursday, March 4, 2021. In my absence, I would be pleased if you could share this message with the participants of your event, on my behalf:

Dear participants:

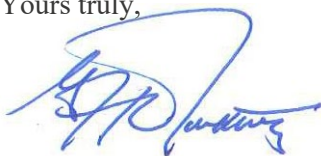
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's presentation will take place virtually, over Zoom, as most, if not all, seminars and meetings have had to during the past eleven months. I am very happy this event has seamlessly adapted to the current challenges and continues to deliver inclusive, informative and quality information and dialogue.

To the individuals participating in today's event, I expect you will make the most of this excellent opportunity to learn from law professionals within your very own communities. I invite you to take advantage of the collective wealth of their experience and knowledge - be curious and ask a lot of questions! Braiding Diversity into Justice provides a chance for not only you, the participants, to expand your knowledge and discover new opportunities, but also for the judiciary and law professionals taking part, who I know will also greatly benefit from this invaluable experience today.

The Ontario Superior Court of Justice continues to recognize the diverse society we live in and emphasizes the paramount importance of promoting educational awareness, inclusivity and diversity. With that said, in March of 2020, the Executive of the Court took the steps to establish an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Committee. This Committee's mandate aims to promote awareness of EDI issues within the Court and to also serve as a resource for our judiciary. Life-long learning is important for everyone.

I am sure you will find this an enriching experience, and I wish everyone a wonderful day and a successful event.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Morawetz".

Geoffrey B. Morawetz
Chief Justice.