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Dear Presidents:

Re: Correct pronunciation of names in court proceedings

Further to my letter of February 8, 2024 regarding the above matter, we have now had an opportunity to review and discuss your letter. Our current *Notice NP 24 Form of Address for Parties and Lawyers* provides that parties or lawyers introduce themselves, their clients, witnesses or other individuals and the expectation is that when doing so, the correct pronunciation will be given. I have sent a message to our judges and judicial justices reminding them that if there is a concern about how to correctly pronounce a participant's name, or if they hear different pronunciations being used by participants in a hearing, to request the correct pronunciation.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Gillespie', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Melissa Gillespie
Chief Judge

MG:mf/jfc

cc: The Honourable Chief Justice L. Marchand
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