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To all Members of the Law Society:

As you may be aware, the Maritime Law Book ceased publishing the Atlantic courts' decisions in August 2016. The Court of Appeal of Newfoundland and Labrador made a decision shortly thereafter to investigate options for publishing its decisions in book form for the use of the courts, the bar, law libraries and other litigants.

The Law Foundation responded positively to a request from Acting Chief Justice Welsh in May of 2018 to provide funding for the Court to contract with a former legal research officer of the Court of Appeal to prepare head notes for the Court's decisions from September 2016 to July 2018. That work has now been completed and we are ready to publish, in bound form, the first volume(s) of appeal court decisions.

Wallaceberg Bookbinding has been engaged as publisher and binder of the Newfoundland and Labrador Court of Appeal Reports. We anticipate publishing approximately four volumes annually. These volumes will be comparable to those published by Dominion Law Reports and the Canadian Criminal Cases.

At this point, the Court of Appeal is attempting to gauge interest from individual members of the bar and law firms in acquiring a subscription to the annual publication of Court of Appeal decisions. We anticipate that a subscription fee of \$500 per year will cover the cost of publishing.

We note the movement to electronic means of accessing information but we believe that there is a continuing validity and need for maintaining an official compilation of Court of Appeal decisions in book form, accessible to all through law libraries. Having volumes dedicated to the NL Court of Appeal jurisprudence is a convenient means of preserving the historical record in permanent form and in a convenient place.

To arrange for the purchase of a subscription or for further information, please contact Kathy Blake, Registrar, Court of Appeal of Newfoundland and Labrador at 709.729.0801 or kathyblake@appeal.court.nl.ca. A copy of the first volume will be available shortly.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.