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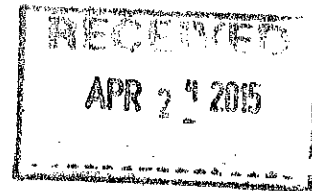
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Mr. Peter J. Lukasiewicz  
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Dear Mr. Lukasiewicz:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing concerns about the hearing of *Construction Lien Act* (the Act) matters in Toronto. I was pleased to address your board of directors in February and I appreciate that your organization is actively engaged in many important areas of the justice system and in shaping the civil justice system in Ontario.

As you know, the scheduling and assignment of judicial resources is within the exclusive authority of the judiciary, and is independent of government. It would not be appropriate for the ministry to comment on judicial scheduling matters.

With respect to the appointment of additional case management masters, the ministry is not currently in a position to increase the existing complement of 16 case management masters. There are currently two case management masters sitting in Ottawa and 13 sitting in Toronto, with one vacancy in Toronto. The recruitment for the vacancy in Toronto is underway. The announcement of the new appointment will be posted on the Ministry of the Attorney General website: <http://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/default.asp>.

On February 11, 2015, the government announced that it has selected Bruce Reynolds, a leading expert in construction law and a senior partner at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (BLG), to conduct a review of the Act. Mr. Reynolds will be supported by BLG partner Sharon Vogel, and an experienced legal team from BLG's Construction Law Group.

It is anticipated that the review will be completed by December 2015, and will involve extensive consultation with the construction industry followed by a report to Ontario. The report will include the results of the consultation process, the expert opinion of BLG and its recommendations for changes, if necessary.

I encourage you to make submissions to the review outlining your concerns about the process for construction lien matters in Toronto. For information about how to participate in the review, you may contact Mr. Reynolds and Ms. Vogel by email at [CLA-review@blg.com](mailto:CLA-review@blg.com).

Thank you again for writing and for your continued support and advocacy on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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