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In response to your letter dated November 28, 2011.

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Dear Mr. Marr:

Thank you for your letter dated November 28, 2011 regarding the realignment of the masters' administration office at the Superior Court of Justice located at 393 University Avenue in Toronto.

I appreciate your concerns and would like to assure you that the Ministry appreciates the important role of case management masters in the civil justice system. Supporting the operational needs of the court is a priority for the Ministry of the Attorney General.

The decision to realign the masters' administration area came after extensive discussions with staff in the Regional Senior Justice's Office. As I am sure you can appreciate, given the sensitive nature of this realignment, the impact on individual staff and the provisions of the collective agreement, broader consultation with various agencies, including the bar, would not be appropriate.

The re-alignment of staff positions ensures that case management masters will continue to receive scheduling and administrative support that is consistent with the way that the judges in the region are supported, including the presence of courtroom registrars for hearings.

I appreciate you bringing your concerns to our attention.

Sincerely,

Lynn Norris
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c.c. The Honourable Heather Smith, Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Justice
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