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CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEDERAL COURT

OTTAWA, Ontario, July 30, 2021 – The Federal Court will soon announce details of public events to take place in the fall for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Federal Court of Appeal and the Federal Court.

The Federal Court of Appeal and the Federal Court are the former Appeal and Trial Divisions of the Federal Court of Canada, which the Justice Minister of the time, the Honourable John Turner, helped create to “bring justice to the people” from coast to coast, in the official language of their choice, in both common law and civil law.

Fifty years later, on June 1, 2021, members of both Courts attended a virtual commemoration ceremony along with more than 150 Courts Administration Service personnel.

During his speech, Federal Court Chief Justice Paul Crampton noted that in 1968, the newly elected government wanted to create a “just society” and contemplated that the Federal Courts would play an “essential role in carrying out that vision.”

“In short, the government wanted to recalibrate the balance between the average citizen and the state,” said Chief Justice Crampton. “To this end, it wanted to provide individuals with additional ‘recourse against bigness, remoteness, alienation [and] distance from the decision making power.’”

A recording of the commemoration ceremony of the 50th anniversary, which includes a special montage of archived documents and photographs, is now available publicly: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vS46flYYgBg>.

The speech by Chief Justice Paul Crampton is on the Federal Court’s website: <https://www.fct-cf.gc.ca/en/pages/media/speeches#cont>.



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