

AR #42078

June 28, 2011

Mr. Gérard Lévesque
414-1800, 14A Street S.W.
Calgary, AB T2T 6K3

Dear Mr. Lévesque:

RE: French Language Form

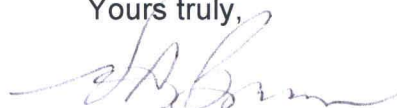
Thank you for your letter of June 1, 2011 to Joshua Hawkes, Q.C., Director, Policy Unit, Appeals, Education and Prosecution Branch, Criminal Justice, regarding forms for designation of counsel. Your letter has been forwarded to me for a response.

You have asked whether a French or bilingual version of the designation of counsel form currently exists. There is no French form. The form has been prepared by Court Services merely for the assistance of the accused and their counsel.

Where the Court has granted an order under section 530 of the *Criminal Code* permitting the accused to be tried in French, counsel may prepare and file a designation of counsel document in French should they wish to do so. Absent an order under section 530, there is no requirement to accept French language documents for filing in criminal matters.

If you have any specific questions, please feel free to contact me and I will direct you to the correct area.

Yours truly,



Vicki A. Brandt
Assistant Deputy Minister

cc Joshua Hawkes, Q.C.
Director, Policy Unit
Appeals, Education and
Prosecution Policy Branch

Alberta ■

Freedom To Create. Spirit To Achieve.