



THE HONOURABLE JOHN W. McCLUNG
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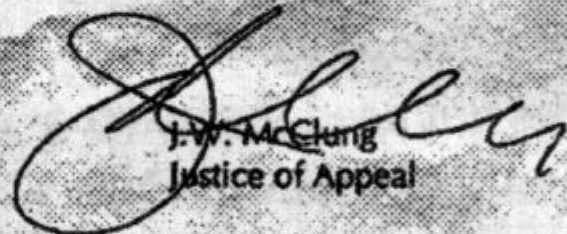
Mr. Kenneth Whyte
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Dear Sir:

Madam Justice Claire "Heureux Dubé's graceless slide into personal invective in Thursday's judgment in the *Ewanchuk* case allows some response. It issued with "the added bitterness of an old friend".

Whether the *Ewanchuk* case will promote the fundamental right of every accused Canadian to a fair trial will have to be left to the academics. Yet there may be one immediate benefit. The personal convictions of the judge, delivered again from her judicial chair, could provide a plausible explanation for the disparate (and growing) number of male suicides being reported in the Province of Quebec.

Yours truly,



J.W. McClung
Justice of Appeal