## SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA

Citation: Xing v. Nova Scotia (Immigration), 2017 NSSC 70

**Date:** 20170309

**Docket:** Hfx. No. 451444

**Registry:** Halifax

**Between:** 

Yifei Xing

**Applicant** 

V.

The Province of Nova Scotia as represented by The Minister of Immigration

Respondent

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Judge: The Honourable Justice Michael J. Wood

**Heard:** February 7, 2017, in Halifax, Nova Scotia

Written Decision: March 9, 2017

**Subject:** Judicial Review – Reasonableness

Immigration – Provincial Nominee Program

**Summary:** Mr. Xing was nominated for permanent resident status by NS

Office of Immigration through International Graduate Stream of provincial nominee program. When he returned to Canada to become "landed" CBSA officer formed opinion that he did not intend to reside in NS which was a condition of his nomination. NS rescinded nomination due to lack of intention

to reside in province.

Mr. Xing successfully challenged CBSA opinion through Immigration and Refugee Board and requested reconsideration of rescission of his nomination. NS Office of

Immigration refused to reconsider decision and Mr. Xing sought judicial review.

Issues: Was refusal to reconsider rescission of nomination

reasonable?

**Result:** Minister argued that rescission based on factors other than

CBSA opinion about lack of intention to reside in NS. These included alleged failure to keep program advised of change in employment. Court reviewed record and concluded that reason for rescission was lack of intent to reside in NS which was resolved in Mr. Xing's favour by Board decision. Apparent failure to advise program when he left job in 2014 not reasonable basis for refusal to reconsider where Mr. Xing otherwise met all program requirements. Decision not to reconsider set aside. Parties to make further submissions on

remedy.

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