



As The Dream Continues: Advocacy for Children and Indigenous Rights in Canadian Systems

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CHILDREN AT THE CORE: STONECHILD V. CANADA

Throughout Canada, class actions have in recent decades become a powerful legal tool to achieve access to justice and behaviour modification on the part of government bodies. Now, class actions are also serving an important role in advancing the rights of Indigenous children in Canada – pressing for accountability and reform in child welfare systems throughout the country. We will discuss how the voices of Indigenous children are at the forefront of this effort to realize the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, including UNCRC Articles 8, 9, 20, 24 and 30.

Date: **September 27, 2023** at
11:00 AM, Pacific Daylight Time
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THE SYSTEMS AT PLAY: WHAT IS THE MILLENNIUM SCOOP?

Stonechild v. Canada has been granted certification as a class action in the Federal Court of Canada. The case deals with the disproportionate placement of off-reserve Indigenous children in the child welfare system, which has resulted in the loss of their cultural heritage, language, and identity. The certification of this case is a significant milestone and reinforces the recognition of the rights of Indigenous children in Canada. However, there is still much work to be done. The presentation that follows will provide an introduction to the Stonechild case, including, the child welfare system and a discussion of the legal and historical context surrounding the plight of off-reserve Indigenous children in Canada.

Date: **October 24, 2023** at
11:00 AM, Pacific Daylight Time
2:00 PM, Eastern Daylight Time



NAME RECLAMATION UNDER TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION RECOMMENDATION 17

From the recommendations made in 2015 by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, we plan to take you step by step through the process of recovering Indigenous Names. It will be necessary to highlight segments of the TRC Recommendations to serve as both an introduction and snapshot with significant depth, especially when considering Recommendation 17. As of June 14, 2021, the process for Indigenous Name Reclamation is regulated by Vital Statistics (Provincial) and Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (Federal). Across the country, the complexities have started to show. Despite using British Columbia as an example in this presentation, we can briefly outline each province's distinctions in its approach. Flagging some obstacles that can emerge at both levels of the provincial and federal governments. As we come to a close, there should be time for questions from participants.

Date: **November 21, 2023** at
11:00 AM, Pacific Daylight Time
2:00 PM, Eastern Daylight Time

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