



**SEEKING JUSTICE FOR DAY SCHOOL SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES:
THE INDIAN DAY SCHOOLS CLASS ACTION**

*Garry Leslie Mclean, Roger Augustine, Angela Elizabeth Simone Sampson,
Margaret Anne Swan, and Marlette Lucille Buckshot v Her Majesty The Queen*

McLean v Canada is a Class Action lawsuit against the Canadian government for the abuses suffered by students forced to attend "Indian Day Schools" across Canada after 1920. This is the first national Class Action seeking compensation for Indian Day School students and their families.

The Federal Court has certified *McLean* as a class proceeding and appointed Gowling WLG as Class Counsel. Please contact Gowling WLG at the addresses below for more information.

What are Indian Day Schools?

"Indian Day Schools" were schools established, funded, and operated by the federal Department of Indian Affairs. After 1920, Aboriginal students across Canada were forced to attend these schools by law, under the *Indian Act*.

Unlike Indian Residential Schools, students did not reside at Indian Day Schools – they attended during the day and went home at night. Only in very limited circumstances (for example, due to inclement weather conditions) would a student sleep at an Indian Day School.

Those who attended Indian Day Schools were never compensated for the abuses they suffered. They were excluded from the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement.

Church involvement in Indian Day Schools

In most cases, Indian Day Schools were operated and maintained by the very same religious organizations administering Indian Residential Schools. This included Roman Catholic, Church of England, Methodist, and Presbyterian denominations.

Abuse and damages at Indian Day Schools

Students who attended Indian Day Schools suffered the very same types of abuses suffered by students who attended Indian Residential Schools. Indian Day School students have reported severe physical, sexual, mental and psychological abuse by teaching staff, officials, students and other third parties. Families of these students suffered the same types of damage as the families of Indian Residential School Survivors.

In addition, the Indian Day Schools system inflicted systemic harm and damage upon Aboriginal cultures and languages.





Country: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Fax: _____

What is the best way to contact you? _____

School Information

What Indian Day Schools did you attend, and on what dates did you attend them?

School 1:

School Name, Location (if known): _____

Year Entered: _____ Year Departed: _____ Years Attended: _____

Please indicate the nature of the abuse(s) you experienced while at this Day School.

- Physical Abuse (hitting, ear pulling, strapping, etc)
- Severe Physical Abuse (loss of consciousness, impairment, hospital treatment, scars, etc)
- Sexual Abuse
- Emotional/Mental Abuse
- Student on Student Abuse
- Other (Please specify)

School 2 (if applicable):

School Name, Location (if known): _____

Year Entered: _____ Year Departed: _____ Years Attended: _____

Please indicate the nature of the abuse(s) you experienced while at this Day School.

- Physical Abuse (hitting, ear pulling, strapping, etc)
- Severe Physical Abuse (loss of consciousness, impairment, hospital treatment, scars, etc)
- Sexual Abuse
- Emotional/Mental Abuse
- Student on Student Abuse
- Other (Please specify)



Whom can I contact to get more information about the *McLean* Class Action?

The law firm Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP has been appointed as Class Counsel (the responsible lawyers) for all members of the Survivor Class and Family Class. The lead lawyers in this matter are Robert Winogron and Jeremy Bouchard.

Mr. Winogron and Mr. Bouchard have over 30 years of combined legal experience in the area of Aboriginal Law and litigation. Gowling WLG is a national law firm which is consistently recognized for its representative work on behalf of First Nations and Aboriginal organizations across Canada.

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