

CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS TRIBUNAL

B E T W E E N:

**FIRST NATIONS CHILD AND FAMILY CARING SOCIETY OF CANADA and
ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS**

Complainants

- and –

CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Commission

-and-

**ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CANADA
(Representing the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada)**

-and-

**CHIEFS OF ONTARIO, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL and
NISHNAWBE ASKI NATION**

Interested Parties

WILL SAY STATEMENT OF DR. RYAN GIROUX

1. Dr. Ryan Giroux is a Métis Pediatrician with roots in northern Alberta. Dr. Giroux is a member of the Métis Nation of Alberta.
2. Dr. Giroux has a Doctor of Medicine from the University of Toronto, and a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Anthropology, and a Minor in Biological Sciences from the University of Alberta. Dr. Giroux graduated from the University of Toronto's Temerty Faculty of Medicine in 2017 and received his specialty in Pediatrics from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 2021.

3. Dr. Giroux is currently practicing in Toronto, Ontario as a staff Pediatrician at Inner City Health Associates which includes the Ode'I Min Clinics (Toronto and Scarborough) and Call Auntie Clinic (Seventh Generation Midwives of Toronto). He is also a staff Pediatrician in Pediatrics, Neonatology & Outreach services at St. Michael's Hospital and Compass Clinic. Dr. Giroux's main clinical focus is on Indigenous child health.

4. Dr. Giroux is currently the Co-Chair of the Canadian Pediatric Society's First Nation, Inuit, and Métis Health Committee ("**FNIM Health Committee**"), and has been a member of the committee since 2017. As part of this work, Dr. Giroux was a collaborator on an academic study on pediatricians' knowledge of and experiences with accessing Jordan's Principle. The FNIM Health Committee is currently comprised of pediatricians and pediatric residents from Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, Yukon, Nunavut, and Alberta.

5. Dr. Giroux is the Faculty Lead for Indigenous Health at Postgraduate Medical Education at the Temerty Faculty of Medicine (University of Toronto), an Indigenous Educator at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada since 2021 and is a board member of the Indigenous Physicians Association of Canada. Dr. Giroux Co-Chaired the International Meeting on Indigenous Child Health in 2025, and he has been involved in research and advocacy as it relates to Jordan's Principle.

6. Dr. Giroux also is an Assistant Professor (Full-Time Clinical Academic Appointment – Clinician Teacher) in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Toronto. He is currently the Deputy Chief of the Department of Pediatrics at St. Michael's Hospital, Unity Health Toronto.

7. In March 2024, Dr. Giroux provided an affidavit in these proceedings on Jordan's Principle, with respect to the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada (the "**Caring Society**")'s motion on Jordan's Principle non-compliance filed in December 2023.

8. Dr. Giroux's evidence will focus on his experiences with Jordan's Principle, including his clinical work with individual First Nations patients in Toronto, and his work through on the FNIM Health Committee. In particular, Dr. Giroux's evidence will focus on the negative impacts of the February 10, 2025 Jordan's Principle Operational Bulletin: Updates to the Implementation of Jordan's Principle (the "**Operational Bulletin**") from the perspectives of his work as a Pediatrician in Toronto supporting Indigenous children and youth in an urban setting and what he is seeing through his work at the FNIM Health Committee in working with other Pediatricians Nationally. Dr. Giroux's evidence will outline his experiences in providing consultative care and primary care to Indigenous families in four separate clinics in the Toronto Area. He will also provide evidence with respect to his involvement in writing support letters for First Nations children seeking to access products, services, or supports from Indigenous Services Canada through Jordan's Principle; and the impacts he has seen with respect to Jordan's Principle when it is properly implemented and the impacts that he has seen when it is not properly implemented.