



MEDIA ADVISORY: WEBCAST OF COURT PROCEEDING

Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021 (Halifax, NS) – Members of the media are advised that the following proceeding in the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal will be livestreamed on the Courts of Nova Scotia website on Tuesday, Jan. 19:

CA-497266 – Lorne Wayne Grabher v. Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Nova Scotia as represented by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles (Respondent) and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (Intervenor)

This matter dates back to 2016 when the Nova Scotia Registry of Motor Vehicles revoked Mr. Grabher's personalized licence plate due to a public complaint. The plate displayed his last name, which Registry officials agreed could be interpreted as encouragement to grab a woman without her consent.

Mr. Grabher took the matter to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. On Jan. 31, 2020, Justice Darlene Jamieson ruled that revoking the plate did not violate Mr. Grabher's free expression or equality rights. Mr. Grabher is now appealing that decision, suggesting the judge was wrong to rule that the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms does not protect freedom of expression on a licence plate. Justice Jamieson's full decision is available online [here](#). The Canadian Civil Liberties Association has been granted intervenor status in this matter.

The appeal hearing is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. AST on Tuesday, Jan. 19. The matter will be heard by Justice Duncan Beveridge, Justice Joel Fichaud and Justice Cindy Bourgeois. The panel of judges will appear in person in Courtroom 502 at the Law Courts, with counsel and the intervenor appearing virtually via Skype. The public can watch the livestream of the hearing on the Courts' website [here](#).

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