

IN THE MATTER OF: Commission of Inquiry into the Circumstances Surrounding
the Death of Phoenix Sinclair

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I, Alison McCullough-Butchart of the City of Winnipeg in the Province of
Manitoba, Lawyer,

MAKE OATH AND SAY THAT:

1. I am a lawyer with the firm Gange Goodman & French, in Manitoba and, as such, have personal knowledge of the matters and facts hereinafter deposed to by me, except where same are stated to be based on information and belief, in which case I do verily believe them to be true.
2. W.S. Gange of Gange Goodman & French has been retained by the Government of Manitoba to provide independent legal advice to various parties who may have information with respect to the circumstances surrounding the death of Phoenix Sinclair.
3. Mr. Gange has advised me that he has recently been retained to act on behalf of a potential witness identified by Commission counsel as SOR #7. Witness SOR #7 was previously represented by William Sumerlus.
4. I have reviewed the notes of the interview conducted by Commission counsel of SOR #7. During that interview, witness SOR #7 advised that she had provided

information to Winnipeg Child & Family Services in compliance with Section 18 of *The Child and Family Services Act*.

5. I am advised by Mr. Gange and do verily believe that witness SOR #7 has advised that witness SOR #7 was aware of the protection provided by Section 18 of *The Child and Family Services Act* and relied upon that protection when providing the information.

6. I am advised by Mr. Gange and do verily believe that witness SOR #7 does not consent to the disclosure of identity during the Commission hearings.

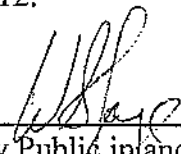
7. I am advised by Mr. Gange and do verily believe that Commission counsel has indicated to Mr. Gange that witness SOR #7 is expected to be a witness at the hearing stage of the Inquiry.

8. I am advised by Mr. Gange and do verily believe that Mr. Gange has concerns that the witness identified as SOR #7 may suffer significant emotional stress if required to testify in public and if identities are disclosed.

9. I make this Affidavit in good faith.

SWORN BEFORE ME at the)
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City of Winnipeg in the Province)
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of Manitoba this 8th day of)
)
June, 2012.)


ALISON McCULLOUGH-BUTCHART


A Notary Public in and for the
Province of Manitoba.