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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 attended with various parties during the interview process conducted by Commission counsel.
- 4. I am aware that two of the clients of Mr. Gange have been identified by Commission counsel as SOR #5 and SOR #6.

- 5. I am advised by Mr. Gange and do verily believe that during the interview process conducted by Commission counsel with both witnesses SOR #5 and SOR #6, the individuals provided information to Commission counsel that they had provided information in compliance with Section 18 of *The Child and Family Services Act*.
- 6. I am advised by Mr. Gange and do verily believe that witnesses SOR #5 and SOR #6 do not consent to the disclosure of their identities during the Commission hearings.
- 7. I am advised by Mr. Gange and do verily believe that Commission counsel has indicated to Mr. Gange that SOR #5 and SOR #6 are expected to be witnesses 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 individuals identified as SOR #5 and SOR #6 may suffer significant emotional stress if their identities are disclosed or if they are required to testify in public.
- 9. I make this Affidavit in good faith.

SWORN BEFORE ME at the

City of Winnipeg in the Province

of Manitoba this 4th day of

April, 2012.

A Notary Public in and for the Province of Manitoba.

ALISON McCULLOUGH-BUTCHART