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Ipperwash Inquiry legal counsel announced

TORONTO, Nov. 24 /CNW/ - W.A. Derry Millar, a senior litigation counsel, has been appointed lead Counsel for the Ipperwash Inquiry, The Honourable Sidney B. Linden, Commissioner of the Inquiry, announced today.

Mr. Millar is a partner in the Toronto law firm WeirFoulds LLP and is a bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada, the legal profession's governing body. He has served as chair and vice-chair of many Law Society committees including the Equity and Aboriginal Issues Committee.

Mr. Millar was called to the Ontario Bar in 1974. His wide-ranging experience includes acting as chair of boards of inquiry established in the 1980s to hear complaints against police officers of the Metropolitan Toronto Police.

Mr. Millar graduated from the Dalhousie Law School in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1966 and subsequently served as Law Clerk to the Honourable Mr. Justice Ritchie of the Supreme Court of Canada. In 2001, he was elected a Fellow of the American College of trial Lawyers.

His practice at WeirFoulds is exclusively civil litigation and administrative law including aviation, commercial, estates, environmental, insurance, products liability and real estate.

The Ipperwash Inquiry was established by the Government of Ontario on November 12, 2003 under the Public Inquiries Act. Its mandate is to inquire and report on events surrounding the death of Dudley George who was shot and later died during a protest by First Nations at the Ipperwash Provincial Park in 1995. The Inquiry is also directed to make recommendations directed to the avoidance of violence in similar circumstances.

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