

Attention News Editors:

Inquiry into Pediatric Forensic Pathology in Ontario to hear motions for non-publication orders on October 19, 2007, at 9 a.m.

TORONTO, Oct. 12 /CNW/ - On Friday, October 19, 2007, Stephen T. Goudge, Commissioner of the Inquiry into Pediatric Forensic Pathology in Ontario, will hear two motions that request that he issue non-publication orders.

First, Commission Counsel are requesting that the Commissioner impose a limited non-publication order to ensure that the Commission hearings comply with existing non-publication orders that arise under statutes, including but not limited to the Child and Family Services Act, the Youth Criminal Justice Act, or the Young Offenders Act, or that were made by courts in earlier criminal or civil proceedings and that have not expired.

Second, James Lockyer will be seeking an order to prohibit the publication of the identities of seven of his clients who have standing at the

Inquiry and the publication of any information that may tend to identify those

seven clients. Mr. Lockyer's factum has been posted on the Commission's website at www.goudgeinquiry.ca

The motions will be heard in the Inquiry's Hearing Room on the 20th floor, 180 Dundas Street West, Toronto.

The proceedings will start at 9 a.m.

Further information regarding these motions may be obtained from Linda Rothstein, Lead Commission Counsel at 416-212-6868 or Linda.Rothstein@paliareroland.com

If counsel for the media wish to appear on this motion, their materials must be filed electronically with the Commission no later than Wednesday, October 17, 2007, at 5:00 p.m.

The Inquiry was created by an Order in Council on April 25, 2007 under the Public Inquiries Act. The Honourable Stephen T. Goudge was appointed Commissioner.

The Inquiry's mandate is to conduct a systemic review and an assessment of the policies, procedures, practices, accountability and oversight mechanisms, quality control measures and institutional arrangements of pediatric forensic pathology in Ontario from 1981 to 2001 as they relate to its practice and use in investigations and criminal proceedings. The Commission's mandate does not include reporting on any individual cases that have been or may be subject to a criminal investigation or proceeding.

The Commissioner is to make recommendations to address systemic failings and restore and enhance public confidence in pediatric forensic pathology in Ontario.

The Commissioner is to deliver his final Report and recommendations to the Attorney General no later than April 25, 2008.

For further information: Further information regarding the motions:
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