

Attention News Editors:

**Updates from the Inquiry into Pediatric Forensic Pathology in Ontario: Oral arguments on October 4, 2007, re summons served on College of Physicians and Surgeons; start of public hearings on November 21, 2007**

TORONTO, Sept. 27 /CNW/ - The Honourable Stephen Goudge, Commissioner of the Inquiry into Pediatric Forensic Pathology in Ontario, will hear arguments on October 4, 2007, regarding a summons that the Commission has served on the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario for copies of complaint files and systemic documents, which the Commission maintains, are relevant to the work of the inquiry. Counsel for the CPSO has advised the Commission that it is precluded from producing any documents in answer to the summons by virtue of the provisions of section 36 of the Regulated Health Professions Act.

In addition to the oral submission on October 4, Commission Counsel, Counsel for the CPSO and counsel for Dr. Charles Smith are preparing written submissions to address the issue.

Oral submissions are expected to be held at the Inquiry's Hearing Room, 180 Dundas Street West, 20th floor. Since the Hearing Room is still under construction, interested parties are asked to check the inquiry's web page ([www.goudgeinquiry.ca](http://www.goudgeinquiry.ca)) on October 3, 2007, in case a change of venue is required.

The written submissions of all parties will be posted on the Inquiry's website no later than October 3, 2007. A transcript of the oral submissions will be posted on October 5, 2007.

**Public Hearings to Begin November 12, 2007**

The Commissioner has announced that the Inquiry's public hearings will begin on November 12, 2007. They will continue until December 21, 2007, and resume on January 7, 2008. The hearings will be held Monday to Friday. The Commissioner is to deliver his final Report to the Attorney General no later than April 25, 2008.

The hearings will be held at the Inquiry's hearing room, 180 Dundas Street West, 20th floor.

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 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.

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.

More information about the Inquiry is available on the Commission's web page [www.goudgeinquiry.ca](http://www.goudgeinquiry.ca)

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