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VIA E-MAIL

The Inquiry into Pediatric Forensic Pathology in Ontario
180 Dundas Street West, 22nd floor
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Attention: Linda Rothstein

Dear Ms. Rothstein:

Re: Dr. Charles Smith

The Inquiry into Pediatric Forensic Pathology in Ontario (the "Inquiry") has invited interested parties to bring a motion, in writing, to seek standing at the Inquiry. We have been retained by Dr. Charles Smith, who, by this letter, seeks standing before the Inquiry.

Dr. Smith has a substantial and direct interest in the subject-matter of the Inquiry and can contribute to the issues raised by the Inquiry's Terms of Reference because:

- (a) the Inquiry arose directly as a result of the Chief Coroner's Review of 45 cases in which Dr. Smith was involved;
- (b) Dr. Smith conducted the majority of all pediatric post mortems under the *Coroners Act* of Ontario between 1991 and 2001 and a significant number between 1981 and 1991;
- (c) Dr. Smith was the director of the Pediatric Forensic Pathology Unit at the Hospital for Sick Children from the date it was established by the Minister of the Solicitor General in 1991 until 2001;
- (d) Dr. Smith was a member of the Pediatric Death Review Committee from 1987 until 2001;
- (e) Dr. Smith was a member of the Death Under Two Pathology Committee and the Death Under Five Pathology Committee; and

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- (f) Dr. Smith was involved in the development of protocols related to pediatric forensic pathology.

Dr. Smith does not wish to make oral submissions on standing nor does he seek funding.

Dr. Smith is content to receive any communication from the Inquiry through our office at the above noted address. You may direct any such communication to my attention or to the attention of W. Niels Ortved.

Yours very truly,
McCarthy Tétrault LLP



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