



Amy Hamm suspended and ordered to pay nearly \$94,000 for challenging gender ideology

BC nurse and mother of two Amy Hamm is taking the BC College of Nurses and Midwives to court after her College found her guilty of unprofessional conduct for publicly stating that there are only two genders. Amy has also stated that women deserve access to female-only spaces, such as washrooms, crisis centres, and prisons. In August 2025, the College suspended Amy's nursing licence for one month and ordered her to pay nearly \$94,000 in legal costs. With assistance from Justice Centre lawyers, Amy has filed human rights complaints against Vancouver Coastal Health for terminating her employment and against the College for discrimination based on political beliefs. Amy seeks reinstatement, compensation, and a declaration of her rights. Amy said, "The College has chosen to punish me for statements that are not hateful, but truthful. I'm appealing because biological reality matters, and so does freedom of expression. I want to express my thanks to the thousands of Canadians who continue to fund my legal case by donating to the Justice Centre."



Chris Barber's livelihood on the line as Crown moves to seize his truck

Since 2022, the Justice Centre has supported Chris Barber, a Saskatchewan trucker and central figure in the peaceful Freedom Convoy. Chris now faces the possible loss of his livelihood as Crown prosecutors seek to confiscate his 2004 Kenworth truck, known as "Big Red." Following a 45-day trial that stretched from September 2023 to September 2024, Chris was found guilty of mischief. On April 15, 2025, the Crown announced it would pursue an eight-year prison term and the forfeiture of Big Red, which could be destroyed or sold at auction. Chris' lawyer argues that the punishment is unjust, noting he relied on legal advice from Ottawa police, lawyers, and even a Superior Court judge throughout the protest. "The double standard here is disgusting. The Crown devotes massive resources to prosecuting Canadians who protested against lockdowns, while condoning criminal conduct by Canadians protesting in favour of aboriginal rights," stated John Carpay.

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John Carpay, B.A., LL.B., President and Founder



Charter challenge to \$28,872 ticket for walking in Nova Scotia woods

On July 30, 2025, on the pretext of stopping forest fires, Nova Scotia suddenly banned walking, hiking, and biking in the woods, through to mid-October. Prohibiting smoking, camping and cooking in the woods would have been reasonable, but this ban even prevents people from fishing and swimming in lakes that are surrounded by forest. Retired war veteran Jeffrey Evely (pictured top left) objected to this irrational and outrageous order. He deliberately entered the woods on August 8 and received a \$28,872.50 fine from conservation officers. Justice Centre lawyers have challenged this draconian ban in the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia for violating the *Charter* right to liberty and security of the person. “Nova Scotia’s travel ban doesn’t target risky activities, but rather treats people as the problem, and bans them from the woods for any purpose. Nova Scotia’s limit on people’s liberties under a blanket claim of ‘safety’ is not rational and has no logical limit,” remarked constitutional lawyer Marty Moore (pictured left). Following nation-wide media attention, the province began scaling back the restrictions in late August. At an emergency hearing on this case on September 2, the province has agreed not to argue that the matter is moot (no longer relevant) even if the ban is no longer in force when the court hears the case in early 2026.



Ontario teachers punished for exercising their freedom of conscience and religion

Matt and Nicole Alexander (pictured left) of Cobden, Ontario, had been teaching elementary and middle school children in their community for more than two decades. In 2023, the Renfrew County District School Board suddenly suspended and then fired them, not for misconduct but for quietly declining to celebrate and affirm a political LGBTQ narrative.



The Alexanders’ ordeal began after their teenage son, Josh Alexander (pictured bottom left), publicly protested against his school’s gender-identity policy of allowing boys and men to enter women’s washrooms. In April 2023, Matt was suspended over alleged social media posts, despite having no public accounts. Weeks later, Nicole moved a pride poster from her kindergarten classroom door into a cabinet before students arrived. That same morning, she was suspended, and an investigation dragged on for six months. On October 26, 2023, the School Board terminated both teachers “for not celebrating and affirming LGBTQ issues.” Their union, the Elementary Teachers’ Federation of Ontario, refused to defend them. Financial devastation followed: the couple lost their pensions, their livelihoods, and even had to sell their home. Justice Centre lawyers have filed a human rights complaint against the school board, and a complaint against

their union for failing to provide effective representation. The Ontario Labour Relations Board ruled on September 8, 2025, that the Alexanders’ complaint will move forward, rejecting an early attempt by the union to dismiss the case without a hearing.



Ontario mom reinstated to her School Council

Ancaster, Ontario mother Catherine Kronas has been an elected School Council member for years. At an April 2025 public council meeting, she respectfully objected to an Indigenous land acknowledgement being imposed. In May, the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board abruptly suspended her from the School Council and barred her from attending meetings, accusing her of causing “harm” and breaching a Code of Conduct. Justice Centre lawyers sent a stern legal warning letter to the School Board, demanding that it reverse this suspension or face a court action. Constitutional lawyer Hatim Kheir described the suspension as “an act of censorship that offends the right to freedom of expression,” noting that Catherine’s comments were measured and reasonable. On July 16, 2025, the Board reinstated her. Catherine called the outcome a vindication affirming her right to freedom of expression.



Indigenous father banished from Manitoba home after routine traffic stop

Terry Wayne Francois raised his five daughters on the Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation (NCN) reserve in northern Manitoba. In December 2024, a routine roadside stop changed his life. When Terry drove home after refusing to allow a police dog to enter his vehicle, NCN officers accused him of assault with a weapon and other offences. On New Year’s Eve, RCMP arrested Terry and removed him from his home pending trial. Months later, without notice or a hearing, the NCN banished him from all NCN lands until December 30, 2029. Justice Centre lawyers have filed a Federal Court application challenging NCN’s check stop law, banishment law, and banishment order as unconstitutional violations of Terry’s *Charter* rights.



Ontario tribunal ends activist’s five-year fight against girls’ pageant

The Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario has dismissed a long-standing complaint brought by transgender activist Jessica Simpson (formerly Jonathan Yaniv, pictured left) against Canada Galaxy Pageants. The conflict began in 2019, when Jessica Simpson was asked prior to competing in the beauty pageant whether a full surgical transition to female had occurred, with male genitalia removed. Simpson refused to answer and filed a complaint with the Tribunal, seeking \$10,000 in damages for “injury to dignity and feelings” and seeking a ruling to compel the beauty pageant to allow biological males to participate and use changerooms alongside women and young girls.



On July 28, 2025, the Tribunal finally dismissed the complaint after Simpson failed to provide the necessary hearing materials, despite multiple extensions. Constitutional lawyer Allison Pejovic (pictured bottom left) welcomed the decision as a win for fairness, parental rights, and the right of women to access female-only spaces. “After five years of delays and many chances given to Jessica Simpson, the Tribunal did the right thing to dismiss the complaint,” she said.