



British Columbia
Human Rights
Tribunal



FORM 1.1 – INDIVIDUAL COMPLAINT

Use This Form to File Your Own Complaint

Case

Case Number: CS-018420

Date Received: 2026-03-21

Step 1 - Party Information

Who experienced discrimination (Complainant)?

Legal name – First name: Jessica

Legal name – Last name: Simpson

Preferred name – e.g. traditional name, nickname, alias:

Use my preferred name: When talking to me, When writing to me, In decision in addition to my legal name

Title: Ms.

Pronoun: She

Complainant's address for delivery

Mailing address: [REDACTED]

Phone number: [REDACTED]

Cell: N/A

Fax: N/A

Email: [REDACTED]

Respondent contact information

Name of the Respondent: Barbara Kay

Relationship to you (For example, your employer): None

Respondent Contact Email: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address:
[REDACTED]

Phone: N/A

Cell: N/A

Fax: N/A

Steps 2A - Areas of Discrimination & Step 2B -Grounds of Discrimination

Area: Publication

Ground

Gender Identity or Expression: The Respondent publicly denied and invalidated my gender identity by referring to me using a prior name (“Jonathan Yaniv”)

Sex: The Respondent repeatedly refers to me using male identifiers (“his,” “Jonathan Yaniv”) and explicitly frames me as male in contrast to my lived sex

Step 3 - Details of the Discrimination

Details of the Discrimination for each Respondent

Respondent Name: Barbara Kay

Describe the harm you experienced in a few words: Public misgendering, identity erasure, reputational harm, and psychological distress arising from repeated online exposure to degrading and discriminatory statements about my gender identity.

Explain how the harm relates to the grounds you have selected before: The harm arises directly from the Respondent’s deliberate and repeated refusal to recognize my gender identity, including the use of a prior name and male identifiers in a public forum. This conduct targets me on the basis of gender identity or expression and sex, both of which are protected under the Human Rights Code. y publicly asserting that my identity is not legitimate and amplifying statements portraying me as male, the Respondent undermines my dignity and identity. The public nature of these statements exposes me to further ridicule, harassment, and stigmatization from others, thereby intensifying the discriminatory impact. The repetition of this conduct across multiple posts contributes to an ongoing and cumulative harm, rather than an isolated incident.

Describe what this Respondent did that harmed you.

Date: 2025-03-28

Conduct: On March 28, 2025, the Respondent, Barbara Kay, published a post on X (formerly Twitter) in which she stated: “You mean Jonathan Yaniv. Jessica Simpson is his lawfare name.” In the same post, the Respondent embedded and amplified a third-party reply which stated: “Okay if we must accept that he is female, can we at least admit that he’s an ugly one?” Through this post, the Respondent: • Referred to me using a prior name (“Jonathan Yaniv”), rather than my affirmed name, thereby deadnaming me

Date: 2025-03-28

Conduct: • Asserted that my name “Jessica Simpson” is not legitimate, characterizing it as a “lawfare name,” which dismisses and undermines my identity; • Used male pronouns (“his”) when referring to me, constituting misgendering; • Amplified and republished derogatory third-party content, which: • refers to me as male; • mocks my appearance in a gendered and degrading manner;

Date: 2025-03-28

Conduct: • Presented this content to a public audience, thereby increasing its reach and impact. This conduct was not neutral or incidental. It directly and publicly denied my gender identity and associated me with degrading commentary, contributing to reputational harm and psychological distress.

Date: 2025-08-06

Conduct: On or about August 6, 2025, the Respondent, Barbara Kay, published a post on X (formerly Twitter) in which she stated: “Except possibly Jonathan Yaniv and his mum.” This post was made in conjunction with, and directly alongside, embedded content asserting that individuals such as myself are “men” and denying the legitimacy of transgender women.

Date: 2025-08-06

Conduct: Through this post, the Respondent: • Referred to me using a prior name (“Jonathan Yaniv”), rather than my affirmed name, thereby deadnaming me; • Used male identifiers (“his”), constituting misgendering;

Date: 2025-08-06

Conduct: • Repeated and reinforced prior identity-denying statements, demonstrating a pattern of conduct; • Associated me with content that explicitly denies transgender identity, thereby amplifying and endorsing messaging that portrays me as male; • Published this content to a public audience, increasing its visibility and the likelihood of further harassment and stigma.

Date: 2025-08-06

Conduct: This conduct continued and escalated the Respondent’s earlier actions by reinforcing a pattern of public misgendering and identity denial. The repetition of these statements contributes to ongoing harm, including reputational damage and psychological distress, and further entrenches a hostile and discriminatory public environment.

Step 4 – Time Limit to Make Complaint

Respondent Name: Barbara Kay

What is the date of the most recent conduct that you listed as discrimination in the previous step?

2025-08-06

Did the most recent conduct happen in the last year? Yes

Did all of the conduct happen in the last year for all Respondents: Yes

Step 5 - Other Proceedings

Do you have another proceeding about the same events? No

Step 6 - Remedies

Select the kinds of remedies you want that are available under s. 37 of the Human Rights Code:

- **Order to stop the discrimination**
- **Declaration that the conduct is discrimination**
- **Steps or programs to address the discrimination (examples: training, policy)**
- **Compensation for injury to dignity, feelings, and self-respect**
- **Compensation for lost wages or other expenses such as moving expenses, photocopying, costs of attending the hearing (keep receipts)**

Step 7 - Mediation

Do you want to attend a mediation? Yes

Step 8 - Indigenous Peoples

I confirm I am First Nations, Métis or Inuit. I want an Indigenous Navigator to contact me about the process.