



British Columbia
Human Rights
Tribunal



FORM 1.1 – INDIVIDUAL COMPLAINT

Use This Form to File Your Own Complaint

Case

Case Number: CS-018387

Date Received: 2026-03-20

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

I want to name the organization that discriminated against me: Yes

Name of the Respondent: Western Standard

Relationship to you (For example, your employer): News Org - No relationship

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

Sex: The Respondent repeatedly referred to me as male and framed my identity through biological reductionism, emphasizing assigned sex characteristics in a manner intended to negate my lived identity as a woman. This constitutes discrimination on the basis of sex, as it imposes an externally assigned classification contrary to my identity.

Gender Identity or Expression: I am a transgender woman. The Respondent repeatedly and deliberately denied my gender identity through persistent misgendering, including the use of male pronouns (“he,” “him”) and the characterization of me as a “trans-identifying male.” These statements are not incidental; they constitute a deliberate refusal to recognize my gender identity and expression. The Respondent further engaged in existential denialism, a form of discriminatory conduct whereby my identity as a transgender woman is framed as illegitimate, fictitious, or fraudulent. This is evidenced through repeated linguistic constructions that position my identity as merely “claimed” or “so-called,” rather than recognized. The article embeds this denial within a broader narrative that portrays transgender identity itself as invalid or controversial.

Step 3 - Details of the Discrimination

Details of the Discrimination for each Respondent

Respondent Name: Western Standard

Describe the harm you experienced in a few words: Public humiliation, misgendering, identity erasure, and reputational harm.

Explain how the harm relates to the grounds you have selected before: The harm I experienced arises directly from discrimination based on my gender identity and sex. The Respondent's repeated use of male pronouns and framing language constitutes identity-based discrimination, as it denies my existence as a transgender woman. This is not merely offensive language—it is existential denialism, which operates by stripping transgender individuals of recognition as legitimate persons within their affirmed gender. Such conduct reinforces systemic marginalization, invites public hostility, and legitimizes further harassment. By publishing this content in a widely accessible media platform, the Respondent amplified these harms, exposing me to broader public ridicule, harassment, and reputational damage. The institutional nature of the Respondent—being a media outlet—further aggravates the harm, as it confers legitimacy on discriminatory narratives and increases their reach and impact.

Describe what this Respondent did that harmed you.

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Conduct: Published article :

<https://www.westernstandard.news/bc/notorious-complainant-yaniv-files-human-rights-tribunal-grievance> "Notorious complainant Yaniv files Human Rights Tribunal grievance against Billboard Chris" On March 20, 2026, the Respondent published an article titled "Yaniv files Human Rights Tribunal grievance against Billboard Chris". The article contains multiple instances of discriminatory conduct, including: 1. Repeated Misgendering The article consistently refers to me using male pronouns ("he," "him") despite my well-established identity as a transgender woman. This is not incidental or neutral reporting—it is a deliberate editorial choice that constitutes identity-based discrimination.

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Conduct: The article describes me as a "trans-identifying male," which is a rhetorical construction commonly used to deny the legitimacy of transgender identities. This language functions to: • Reframe my identity as a false claim rather than a recognized reality; • Undermine my legal and social recognition as a woman; • Promote a narrative that transgender identities are inherently invalid.

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Conduct: Amplification of Third-Party Discriminatory Statements The Respondent republishes and amplifies statements from third parties that explicitly deny the existence of transgender identities and misgender me. Rather than contextualizing or critically addressing these statements, the Respondent presents them in a manner that normalizes and legitimizes their discriminatory content.

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Conduct: Dehumanizing Framing and Characterization The article frames me as a "notorious complainant" and constructs a narrative that portrays me as illegitimate, vexatious, and socially deviant. This framing is intertwined with the misgendering and existential denial, reinforcing a broader pattern of dehumanization.

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Conduct: Systemic Pattern of Discriminatory Publication The Respondent's conduct is not limited to a single instance but reflects a broader editorial posture that: • Denies transgender identities; • Uses misgendering as a normative reporting practice; • Publishes content that invites public hostility toward transgender individuals.

Step 4 – Time Limit to Make Complaint

Respondent Name: Western Standard

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

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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.