

**THE QUEEN'S BENCH  
Winnipeg Centre**

BETWEEN:

**HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN,**

Respondent,

- and -

**RAYMOND CORMIER,**

Respondent,

- and -

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CORPORATION, GLOBAL NEWS,  
a division of CORUS ENTERTAINMENT INC.  
and ABORIGINAL PEOPLES TELEVISION NETWORK,**

Applicants/Media Intervenors,

- and -

**AD IDEM/CANADIAN MEDIA LAWYERS ASSOCIATION,**

Applicant/Media Intervenor.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF ELIZABETH J. KARAS  
AFFIRMED THE 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2017**

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**AFFIDAVIT OF ELIZABETH J. KARAS**

I, Elizabeth J. Karas, of the City of New York, in the State of New York,  
Attorney at law, SOLEMNLY AFFIRM AND SAY THAT:

1. I am an attorney presently admitted to practice law in the State of New York and have been such since 1987.

2. I was an assistant district attorney in the Office of the District Attorney of New York County from 1986 through 1994.

3. From June 1994 through June 2013, I was a correspondent with the Courtroom Television Network ("Court TV"). In 2008, it was renamed "In Session on truTV". I am aware that Court TV launched on July 1, 1991 though it is no longer active.

4. As a correspondent, I covered televised trials, gavel to gavel, across the United States. On television, I am known as Beth Karas.

5. I am not aware of any trial decision being reversed on appeal because of the presence of the camera and Court TV.

6. Throughout my years observing televised trials, rarely would witnesses be concerned about the presence of the camera. In the few instances when they were, the judge ordered us to point the camera elsewhere (at the attorneys or the witness's hands) or, alternatively, to pixelate the witness's face. We could still hear the testimony and see the courtroom, just not the witness's face. Occasionally, for good cause, the camera was ordered turned off completely. The camera access rule in the State of Ohio, however, allows a witness, in advance of taking the stand, to opt out of video and/or audio coverage.

7. The vast majority of televised trials included witnesses who were televised.

8. I make this Affidavit bona fide.

AFFIRMED before me at  
the City of New York, in the  
State of New York, this  
3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2017





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Elizabeth J. Karas