



***Commission of Inquiry into certain aspects of
the trial and conviction of James Driskell***

Call for Applications for Standing

The Honourable Patrick LeSage, Q.C. has been appointed Commissioner of an Inquiry into certain aspects of the prosecution of James Patrick Driskell for first degree murder. In particular, the Inquiry is to consider whether the conduct of the prosecution before, during and after Mr. Driskell's trial fell below professional and ethical standards expected at the time and whether the Winnipeg Police Service failed to disclose material information to the Crown and to examine the role of the RCMP Laboratory in this case. The Commissioner will also be considering whether to make any systemic recommendations arising out of the facts of the case.

Applications for standing are being invited from any person or group with a substantial and direct interest in the subject-matter of the Inquiry or whose participation may be helpful in fulfilling the Commission's mandate. Standing before a Commission of Inquiry gives the person or organization the right to take part in the proceedings and make submissions, on terms set by the Commissioner.

Written requests for standing, setting out the reasons why standing is being requested and why the applicant should be granted standing should reach the Commission no later than Tuesday, March 28, 2006. The Commission's Office is located at Suite 306, 155 Carlton Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3H8; Telephone: (204) 945-0197; Fax: (204) 948-3422; e-mail: driskellin@gov.mb.ca.

Hearings on the applications for standing will start at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2006 in the Pan Am Room at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. Submissions will also

be received in relation to draft Rules for the Inquiry and in relation to scheduling issues. No evidence will be heard at this time. Evidence will be heard in public hearings tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2006. Copies of the draft Rules can be obtained from the Commission Office or the Inquiry web site (www.driskellinquiry.ca).

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