

The Hum Law Firm Statement on National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Today, September 30, 2021, marks the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The Hum Law Firm offices will be closed in observance of this annual day intended to honour the indigenous children, their families, and communities who were forever impacted by the **residential school system.** This day is an important acknowledgment by the federal government and the rest of Canada of our painful past and the systemic barriers that continue to harm indigenous communities.

At Hum Law Firm, we acknowledge that each of us has a role to play in the process of reconciliation. From unconscious bias to enabling systemic barriers, we must work together and hold each other accountable for our actions. As a firm, we are committed to identifying and dismantling systemic barriers within the legal system and how we do business.

Ontario courts and other justice sector operations will be closed today. We encourage you to join us and use this day to reflect and educate yourself on why the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is an important step in the healing process for so many in Canada. True change will only be exacted when we acknowledge, learn, and pledge to break this tragic cycle.

Below are resources to learn more about National Day for Truth and Reconciliation:

- National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation website
- FAQ from CBC on Canada's residential schools
- National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
- Indigenous Resource Guide
- The Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund
- Wawahte Stories of Indian Residential School Survivors
- Indian Residential School Survivors Society (IRSSS)
- Final Reports from the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation

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