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### ***Attorney General Attempts to Avoid Judicial Reckoning on Charter Challenge by Offspring of Gamete Donor births***

Vancouver, B.C.

On Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, there will be a hearing to determine whether or not the Pratten vs. the Attorney General lawsuit can proceed. This is believed to be the first ever litigation by gamete (sperm/egg) donor offspring in North America. Olivia Pratten is the plaintiff.

The lawsuit seeks the immediate and ultimately the permanent protection and preservation of all files related to the practice of gamete donation in British Columbia. The lawsuit claims that the present law discriminates against persons who were conceived as a result of gamete donation. By contrast, adopted children have, by law, certain legal rights and opportunities to know about their biological parents that children conceived by way of gamete donation simply do not enjoy.

If the Court dismisses the government's attempt to derail the lawsuit then it will be heard by the British Columbia court on October 25, 2010.

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