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To the attention of the Civil Rules Committee,

On September 5, 2017 I sent your office a letter via email in respect to the poor quality of the medical evidence used in personal injury civil suits in Ontario. We have not received an acknowledgement of your receipt of that email so I am forwarding the letter today via regular post.

There are in excess of 58,000 auto insurance related cases in Ontario courts and thousands more at the Financial Services and the Licensed Appeal Tribunal. Many of these claims are in dispute as a result of poor quality and partisan medical evidence commissioned by Ontario insurers so it is a big part of the court backlog in Ontario.

Our attached letter covers the quality of the evidence judges and juries in Ontario deal with every day. The examples in our letter are the words of Ontario's judges so we know it matters to them. It should matter to the Committee and to all Ontarians who look to our courts for fair justice whether it be in criminal matters such as the Charles Smith case or in the cases of personal injury where recovery resources hang in the balance for seriously injured people.

We look forward to hearing back from your office regarding what action will be taken to ensure the public can have confidence in the Ontario justice system.

Respectfully,

Rhona DesRoches
FAIR, Board Chair