



People with disabilities and the Charter

How has the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms been used to achieve equity and justice for people with disabilities in Canada? This is the question addressed by a recent publication of a long-standing project of the CDPA, and the work of several partners and students. The paper examines the 14 cases heard by the Supreme Court of Canada where a person with a disability sought freedom from discrimination under Section 15 of the Charter. It focuses on 5 seminal cases (Rodriguez, 1993; Eaton, 1997; Eldridge, 1997; Granovsky, 2000; Martin & Laseur, 2003), and on the development of disability consciousness among the judiciary.

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A vision of Canada where people with disabilities enjoy full participation and citizenship, supported by a coherent framework of legislation, regulation and programs.