



NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION AND PUBLIC

Indigenous Background Reports

August 21, 2026

Effective immediately, the Court of Appeal of Alberta will use the term "Indigenous Background Report" in place of "Gladue Report".

This change follows extensive consultation and collaboration including with the Courts of Appeal for the Northwest Territories and Nunavut, Court of King's Bench of Alberta, and Alberta Court of Justice.

Counsel and parties should use "Indigenous Background Report," a more descriptive and respectful term.

Posted court forms and other external communications will be amended to reflect this change.

Dawn Pentelechuk
Acting Chief Justice of Alberta