



The Justice System Responds

Lesson Plan: Law 11; Law12

Key themes: Landmark Canadian Cases that have addressed hatred

Estimated Time: 60 minutes

Lesson Steps

- Discuss Pre-Viewing Activity with students
- View the clip of Martha McCarthy (approximate running time: 10 minutes)
- Provide students with the case summary of one of OJEN's Landmark cases

Pre-Viewing Activity

1. As a class, brainstorm the high profile cases, in Canada, that have dealt with an incident of hatred. Sort the list into cases where discrimination was the main focus of the case, and those where it was the secondary issue.

Post-Viewing Questions

What are the 5 lessons that can be learned from Ms. McCarthy's experiences?

Activities

In small groups, have students review one of the following landmark cases summaries (plain language summaries available on the OJEN website)

Eldridge v. British Columbia (Attorney General)

M. v. H.

Halpern v. Canada (Attorney general)

Auton v. B.C.

Vriend v. Alberta

Mieorin v. BCEGU

Have each group present briefly on how their landmark equality case relates to the issue of hatred in society?

Related OJEN Resources (www.ojen.ca)

Landmark Case packages on each of the above cases are available on the OJEN website. Each package includes a plain language summary of the case and a series of activities and questions. New landmark case packages are frequently added to the site.