

Summary

Kathleen Viner v. Hudson Bay Company (Zellers Greenwood)

No. 51000-30-D08-0901

The Complainant, Kathleen Viner, filed a complaint under the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act alleging that the Respondent, the Hudson Bay Company, discriminated against her on the basis of race and colour related to an accusation of shoplifting. Subsequent to Ms. Viner's death, her two daughters were co-executrixes for their mother's estate and they wanted to the Board to continue with the inquiry into her complaint. However, the Respondent maintained that the Board had no jurisdiction to continue with the inquiry. It was decided that the Board had no jurisdiction to deal with the private interests of Ms. Viner advanced by her estate, but that it retained jurisdiction to continue with the inquiry into the complaint to determine whether there had been a breach of the legislation (NSHRA).