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Women's Ski Jumping Court Case Begins Today!

The long-awaited trial begins in Vancouver today. The following report is from Sarah Lynch:

Sunday 10 pm

“Zoya and I arrived at Ross Davis's office in downtown Vancouver tonight 7 pm sharp along with Jessica Jerome, Lindsay Van, Karla Keck and Deedee Corradini. We were greeted by Ross and his young colleague ex ski racer Jeff Horswill who have been working on this case for more than a year. Deborah Folka the publicist who like Davis and Horswill has worked pro bono on behalf of women's ski jumping had the meeting well laid out. The agenda for the meeting was to go over what this week would look like.

This is what Monday is looking like:

Monday, April 20, 2009

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| 5 am | DeeDee at CTV-Burrard Street |
| 6 am | Zoya Lynch at CBC-TV, Hamilton Street |
| 6 am MTN | Katie Willis at CTV-Calgary |
| 8:30 am | Meet at Davis LLP |
| 9 am | Press conference; courthouse steps |
| 10 am | Hearing begins – Courtroom #? |
| 12:30 pm | Lunch break – media? |
| 2 pm | Hearing resumes – R. Clark |
| 4-4:30 pm | Hearing adjourns for the day |

“Ross went over the court process - the hearings are very formal. There are over 14 binders of evidence. Ross will give his deliberations for two days and then VANOC's counsel will have two days and then the hearing will conclude either Thursday or Friday. After that it will take 2-3 months for B.C. Supreme Court judge Laurie Anne Fenlon to go through all the information and make her decision.

“This is a case of discrimination. Ross explained that there are two ways to look at it. The first way is through the numbers game. Number of countries, number of world championships, number of athletes. Women's ski jumping has done everything necessary for entry into the Olympics. Men were never subjected to the same rules when ski jumping was added to the Olympics.

Ross is focusing on an area of the law in Canada called adverse affects discrimination. Adverse affects discrimination is kind of like the chicken and the egg situation. The sport wont grow for women until it becomes an Olympic sport. The IOC is saying women's jumping is not ready because there are not enough women. With Adverse affects discrimination the only way to overcome it is by taking positive steps to over come it.

Ross also explained that the reason the lawsuit is against VANOC is because VANOC is not living up to their constitutional obligations. VANOC has the obligation to tell the IOC that we cannot break the laws of our constitution.

“As Zoya and Jessica and I were walking back to our hotel we saw a huge front page picture of Katie Willis on the front page of today's Metro Newspaper with the headline Jumpers take Flight to Court. It's going to be an exciting week - Nina Reid is arriving on Tuesday and Jan and Katie are following on Wednesday. There is a reception for the girls at the BC Hall of Fame on Thursday night. Here are a couple of great articles - keep your eyes on CTV and CBC on Monday.”

<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/sports/wants+trump+equality+rights/1509214/story.html>

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/LAC.20090417.COSK17ART1952/TPStory/National>

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