Claim of Understanding Regarding Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.
002 Reference Cases.
Moral Code Blockchain Programming for Human and AI Reference.

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s. 91(1) does not refer to Canada as a geographical unit but refers to the juristic federal unit. ..... but means the constitution of the federal government.

Canada is a Corporation not a Geographical land mass

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R. v. Hynes, 1999 CanLII 18979 (NL CA)

[84] A primary purpose of the **Charter** was to change this relationship of the individual with the state and its laws by endowing individuals with an effective means of challenging acts of the state in courts on the ground of violation of their constitutionally protected rights and freedoms. This is accomplished through s. 24 of the **Charter**, in the first subsection of which anyone whose guaranteed rights or freedoms have been infringed or denied is empowered to apply to "a court of competent jurisdiction" for such remedy as is considered just and appropriate "in the circumstances". .....

[85] It is clear, therefore, that s. 24(2) is critical to carrying out the **Charter**'s purpose of investing individuals with the power to defend themselves against incursions on their guaranteed fundamental rights and freedoms. The process of entrenching them, which is the term frequently used to describe the **Charter**'s purpose, entails giving a solid means of defending them to every individual holder. ....

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Thomson Newspapers Ltd. v. Canada (Director of Investigation and Research, Restrictive Trade Practices Commission), 1990 CanLII 135 (SCC), [1990] 1 SCR 425

That is, read as a whole, it appears to us that this section [s. 7] was intended to confer protection on a singularly human level. A plain, common sense reading of the phrase "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of the person" serves to underline the human element involved; only human beings can enjoy these rights. "Everyone" then,

must be read in light of the rest of the section and defined to exclude corporations and other artificial entities incapable of enjoying life, liberty or security of the person, and include only human beings.

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R. v. Wagner, 2015 ONCJ 66 (CanLII)

116.The Chief Justice goes on to develop the scope of these binding principles as follows:

> **This "rich intellectual tradition" of natural law seeks to give the law minimum moral content. It rests on the proposition that there is a distinction between rules and the law. Rules and rule systems can be good, but they can also be evil. Something more than the very existence of rules, it is argued, is required for them to demand respect: in short, to transform rules into law. The distinction between rule by law, which is the state of affairs in certain developing countries, and rule of law, which developed democracies espouse, succinctly captures the distinction between a mere rules system and a proper legal system that is founded on certain minimum values.** The debate about unwritten constitutional principles can thus be seen as a debate about the nature of the law itself and what about it demands our allegiance.

..... Not only should states not directly kill their citizens, they should avoid killing them indirectly by famine, medical neglect, and degradation of the environment.[70] (emphasis added)

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R. v. Peel Regional Police Service, Chief of Police, 2000 CanLII 22808 (ON SC)

[104] The courts too must conform to the rule of law: *MacMillan Bloedel Ltd. v. Simpson, supra,* at 774 *per* McLachlin J. The rule of law is the very foundation of the *Charter. B.CG.E.U. v. British Columbia (Attorney General), supra,* at 299, *per* Dickson C.J.C. It stands to reason then that the courts are duty bound to apply the *Charter: R. v. Domm* (1996), 1996 CanLII 1331 (ON CA), 111 C.C.C. (3d) 449 (Ont. C.A.) at 465, *per* Doherty J.A. (leave to appeal refused [1997] 2 S.C.R. viii, 114 C.C.C. (3d) vi). In *R. v. Domm, supra,* at 455, Doherty J.A. stated that whatever the contours of the rule of law:

> The rule of law encompasses several interrelated and, in some ways, countervailing principles: E. Colvin, "Criminal Law and the Rule of Law", to P. Fitzgerald ed. *Crime, Justice and Codification: Essays in Commemoration of Jacques Fortin* (Toronto: Carswell, 1986) at pp. 127-130. *It refers to a system of government of*

laws in which both the governed and the government are subject to and must comply with the law: Reference re: Language Rights under Manitoba Act, 1870, 1985 CanLII 33 (SCC), [1985] 1 S.C.R. 721 (S.C.C.) at 748-49. Judicial orders are one manifestation of the law with which the state and the individual must comply. *The rule of law, however, does more than demand compliance with the law. To validate this demand, the law must provide individuals with meaningful access to independent courts with the power to enforce the law by granting appropriate and effective remedies to those individuals whose rights have been violated…* [Emphasis added.]

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R. v. 741290 Ontario Inc. (Prov. Div.), 1991 CanLII 7155 (ON SC)

An examination of the set of legal rights contained in ss. 8 to 14 leads to the conclusion that the majority of them are inapplicable to artificial entities. As noted above, a corporation cannot be arrested, detained or imprisoned. Neither can it be a witness in any proceedings. It is not apparent how a corporation could be treated or punished in a "cruel" manner. Thus, of the eight sections which follow s. 7 in the "legal rights" part of the Charter, only s. 8 and portions of s. 11 can be conceived of as being applicable to non-human persons.

In Irwin Toy Ltd., supra, the Supreme Court held, at p. 1004 S.C.R., p. 256 C.R.R., that the word "everyone" in s. 7 "must be read in light of the rest of the section and defined to exclude corporations and other artificial entities incapable of enjoying life, liberty or security of the person, and include only human beings".
In light of what was said in the Reference, supra, to be the relationship between s. 7 and ss. 8 to 14 of the Charter, and having regard to the exclusion of artificial entities from the protection of s. 7, and bearing in mind the exclusively human focus of the greatest part of the set of legal rights in ss. 7 to 14, can a corporation avail itself of any of those rights

(c) Can s. 11 apply to "any person" who is not a human being?
Section 11 of the Charter provides a set of nine separate rights to "any person charged with an offence". It is now settled that at least some of those rights are not available to corporations.

In R. v. Unity Auto Body Ltd., Sask. Q.B., January 20, 1988 [now reported 1988 CanLII 5048 (SK KB), 44 C.R.R. 143, 68 Sask. R. 3], Hrabinsky J. reviewed the principles of Charter interpretation as well as the French language version of the opening words to s. 11. He also considered the reasoning in P.P.G. Industries Ltd. and the result in Panarctic Oils Ltd. and he concluded that s. 11(b) of the Charter applies to both corporations and human beings.

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PPG Industries Canada Ltd v. Canada (Attorney General), 1983 CanLII 287 (BC CA)

[4] It can readily be seen that some subsections of s. 11 can apply to a corporation and others cannot. Obviously, s. 11(*e*) providing for bail is inapplicable. In that context "person" means an individual and does not include a corporation. Likewise, subs. (*c*) is inapplicable. If one now looks at the wider category of rights under the heading of "Legal Rights" (ss. 7-14), then one notes that three modes of expression are used to open each of these sections. Sections 13 and 14 use the words "witness" or "party and witness"; ss. 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 use the word "everyone" and only s. 11 uses the words "any person".

[5] I leave aside the specificity of the opening word or words in ss. 13 and 14. It is significant that in every other section save s. 11, the word "everyone" is used. This word (everyone) is ordinarily defined as meaning "everybody", and if it were used in s. 11 one might be able to mount an argument that "everyone" was a universal term which included a corporation. However, the words used are "any person". Why did the draftsmen change from using the word "everyone" to the words "any person"? It can be seen that in setting out "Mobility Rights" (s. 6) the draftsmen use the word "every citizen". Manifestly, that *is* a restriction when juxtaposed with the word "everyone". Likewise, under s. 15 the words "every individual" appear to encompass a narrower meaning than "everyone". Looking, therefore, at the entire Constitution Act, 1982, I come to the conclusion that it was intended that the words "any person" have a more restricted meaning than the word "everyone". In my opinion, that restriction, together with the plain reading of s. 11(*f*), leads me to conclude that the benefit of trial by jury is not the right of "everyone" but only of natural persons who are charged with an offence attracting imprisonment for five years or more severe punishment.

[7]Such restrictive interpretation is consonant with the fact that in the United States, England and Canada not everyone is entitled to the benefit of trial by jury. The Sixth Amendment to the American Constitution, which establishes such a right, has been interpreted to mean the right as it stood at common law at the time of the adoption of the constitution. The common law has always recognized a wide range of petty offences which may be tried summarily without juries (cf. Frankfurter and Corcoran, "Petty Federal Offences and the Constitutional Guarantee of Trial by Jury" (1926), 39 Harvard L. Rev. 917. In England, criminal jury trials are limited to indictable offences. In Canada, the pattern set out in the Criminal Code is generally to afford trial by jury to serious offences but not to minor ones. In Canada, it has been held that a corporation is not an individual within the meaning of the Canadian Bill of Rights, R.S.C. 1970, App. III (cf. *R. v. Colgate Palmolive Ltd*. (1971), 1971 CanLII 1232 (ON SC), 8 C.C.C. (2d)

40 (Ont. Co. Ct.)).

[10] However, it is said such an interpretation would be so restrictive as to violate the provisions of s. 1 of the Charter which "guarantees the rights and freedoms set out subject only to such reasonable limits prescribed by law as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society".

[11] As I have indicated, the right to trial by jury has been and is limited in the free and democratic society of England, the United States of America and Canada. The rationale for such limitations as regards corporations has been eloquently and convincingly set out by Boyd McBride J. In *R. v. McGavin Bakeries* (1951), 1951 CanLII 264 (AB KB), 100 C.C.C. 195 at 207 (Alta. S.C.):

[20] The word "any" indicates that "person" in s. 11 is used broadly. I think that all persons, including corporate persons, charged with an offence are entitled to the rights enunciated in s. 11. There may be circumstances that prevent a person or type of person being able to enjoy a right, but that is not to say that they are not entitled to it.

[21] The Crown says that (*c*) and (*e*) cannot be applicable to a corporation, and that is so. It does not follow that the words "Any person charged with an offence" do not include corporations. In my view they do. But (*c*) and (*e*) deal with rights that are not applicable to a corporation because they cannot be enjoyed by a corporation.

22 Where the language of the Charter is straightforward, there is no need for presumptions or for aids to interpretation. Such aids might lead the courts to interpret the Charter so as to give only those rights that the court thinks ought to be given. The Charter is entitled to greater respect than that. In this new field we are followers, the Charter is the leader, and we must give effect to its plain meaning. There is no need for judicial tampering. If the plain meaning of a provision gives a wholly unacceptable result, then s. 1 of the Charter provides the remedy.

[28] There is a concern that presses me to interpret the Charter broadly. If we start off by not giving the words of the Charter their plain meaning, if we assume that everything we did in the past should be left unchanged, and if we find ways to minimize the impact of the Charter, we will undermine its capacity to protect rights. It will end up as a feeble guardian.

[48] It must be admitted that a literal reading of the clause conforms to the interpretation contended for by counsel for the appellant, namely, that:

> … a person charged with an offence has the right to trial by jury where the maximum punishment for the offence (in the case of some accused persons, although not necessarily the accused) is imprisonment for five years …

I would hold, however, that in seeking the meaning to be ascribed to a constitutional document we are not bound by the "literal" approach. In my view, we should be construing the clause having regard, not to the literal meaning of the words used, but to s. 11 of the Charter when read in its entirety. It will be noted that the other subsections in s. 11 vest rights only in persons (human and artificial) actually affected by the fact of being "charged with an offence". Thus subs, (*a*), (*b*), (*d*), (*g*), (*h*) and (*i*) apply to all persons (human and artificial). Section 11(*c*) does not apply to a corporation because a corporation cannot be a witness. Section 11(*e*) does not apply to a corporation because, as a corporation cannot be imprisoned, it does not require bail. It would, in my opinion, be a strange thing if all the other rights vested in "persons" by s. 11 could apply only to those actually affected by being "charged with an offence", but the clause in question would apply to all persons "charged with an offence" merely because they were charged with a certain class of offence. It follows, as I have already said, that the clause in question should apply only to those persons (human and artificial) who are actually exposed to the possibility of being imprisoned for a term of five years or more.

[50] In conclusion, I refer again to the quoted passage from Lord Blackburn's judgment in *Pharmaceutical Soc. v. London & Prov. Supply Assn. Ltd*., supra, at p. 869 where he said in part:

> It is plain that in common conversation and ordinary speech, "a person" would mean a natural person: in technical language it may mean the artificial person: in which way it is used in any particular Act, must depend upon the context and subject-matter.

[51] Firstly, the language used in the clause is not "technical". Secondly, in construing constitutional documents such as the charter, a "technical" approach should be avoided. In my view, wherever possible, we should, instead, take the approach which would be taken by a reasonable member of the public when discussing the rights afforded to him by the Charter. A reasonable member of the public would say, in my opinion, that only those who are actually subject to imprisonment for five years are entitled to trial by jury.

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Slaight Communications Inc. v. Davidson, 1989 CanLII 92 (SCC), [1989] 1 SCR 1038

The reference in s. 32 to the "Parliament" and a "legislature" make clear that the Charter operates as a limitation on the powers of those legislative bodies. Any statute enacted by either Parliament or a Legislature which is inconsistent with the Charter will be outside the power of (ultra vires) the enacting body and will be invalid. It follows that any

body exercising statutory authority, for example, the Governor in Council or Lieutenant Governor in Council, ministers, officials, municipalities, school boards, universities, administrative tribunals and police officers, is also bound by the Charter. Action taken under statutory authority is valid only if it is within the scope of that authority. Since neither Parliament nor a Legislature can itself pass a law in breach of the Charter, neither body can authorize action which would be in breach of the Charter. Thus, the limitations on statutory authority which are imposed by the Charter will flow down the chain of statutory authority and apply to regulations, by-laws, orders, decisions and all other action (whether legislative, administrative or judicial) which depends for its validity on statutory authority.

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Christie v. British Columbia, 2005 BCCA 631 (CanLII)

[27] I have read the reasons for judgment of Madam Justice Southin in this appeal. With respect, I do not see the question as being as "stark" or as clear as my colleague does. On the one hand, the Supreme Court of Canada has described in ringing tones the importance of the "unwritten postulates" underlying the Canadian Constitution, including the principles of federalism, judicial independence, and the rule of law.(See, e.g., ***Re Manitoba Language Rights*** 1985 CanLII 33 (SCC), [1985] 1 S.C.R. 721 at 752.) The Court has said that the principle at issue in this case, namely, access to justice, is "under the rule of law one of the foundational pillars protecting the rights and freedoms of our citizens." (See ***British Columbia Government Employees' Union v. British Columbia (Attorney General)*** 1988 CanLII 3 (SCC), [1988] 2 S.C.R. 214 at 230 ("***B.C.G.E.U.***"), quoting from this court's decision in that case, reported at (1985) 1985 CanLII 143 (BC CA), 20 D.L.R. (4th) 399 at 406.) The Supreme Court also endorsed the statement of Nemetz C.J.B.C. that "interference [with access to courts] from whatever source" will "rally the court's powers to ensure the citizen of his or her day in court"; and (at 249) the statement of Salmon L.J. In ***Morris v. Crown Office*** [1970] 1 All E.R. 1079 at 1089 (C.A.), that "Every member of the public has an inalienable right that our courts shall be left free to administer justice without obstruction or interference from whatever quarter it may come."

[30] I do not intend to take so broad, or so modern, a view of the principle in these Reasons. Rather, I propose as a working definition the meaning which in my opinion represents the most basic, or core, aspects of access to justice as a constitutional principle — i.e., reasonable and effective access to courts of law and the opportunity to obtain legal services from qualified professionals, that are related to the determination and interpretation of legal rights and obligations by courts of law or other independent tribunals. This view of access to justice also seems to be implicit in the Reasons of the Chambers judge below. (See (2005) 39 B.C.L.R. (4th) 17, 2005 BCSC 122 at paras. 81 and 87.)

[32] This ground, together with others based on specific provisions of the Canadian

Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the ***Constitution Act, 1867***, came before this court on an appeal by Mr. Carten. In a split decision, this court upheld the dismissal of his petition. But the majority seemed to accept that had Mr. Carten adduced convincing proof that had someone been precluded by the tax from "access to the courts", the tax would have been unconstitutional. (A right wider than "access to the courts" was also suggested.) Lambert J.A. (with Hollinrake J.A. concurring) reasoned as follows:

> [8] In this part of these reasons I propose to address Mr. Carten's first seven issues together. They all relate in one way or another to the right of a citizen to have access to the courts and possibly also to other legal services required for the just and orderly functioning of our society.
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> [9] I consider that everyone in Canada has a right to come to court and seek the help of the court in obtaining a resolution of the legal issues that have given rise to that person's problem. Everyone in Canada has a right to seek the protection of the court from any perceived oppression by the state. Everyone being prosecuted in our courts has the right to counsel and the right to make full answer and defence. And I consider that our social system and our system of government depend not only on our rights relating to dispute resolution, in courts and otherwise, but also on our rights relating to dispute prevention through a legal system which regulates succession to property, family law, and other areas of potential disharmony.

[47] Whether these cases supported the proposition that unwritten constitutional principles had been used to strike down legislation need not be resolved here; but the dissenters' observations were quoted in 1985 with apparent approval in the ***Manitoba Language Rights Reference***, *supra*, in the Court's consideration of how to preserve the rule of law once it had been found that all the laws enacted by Manitoba since 1890 were invalid, the "constitutionally required manner and form for their enactment" not having been followed. (At 747.) The Court observed:

> In the present case, declaring the Acts of the Legislature of Manitoba invalid and of no force or effect would, without more, undermine the principle of the rule of law. The rule of law, a fundamental principle of our Constitution, must mean at least two things. First, that the law is supreme over officials of the government as well as private individuals, and thereby preclusive of the influence of arbitrary power. Indeed, it is because of the supremacy of law over the government, as established in s. 23 of the *Manitoba Act, 1870* and s. 52 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, that this Court must find the unconstitutional laws of Manitoba to be invalid and of no force and effect.
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> Second, the rule of law requires the creation and maintenance of an actual order of positive laws which preserves and embodies the more general principle of normative order. Law and order are indispensable elements of civilized life. [at 748-49; emphasis added.]

The Court also recognized that the rule of law had "constitutional status":

The constitutional status of the rule of law is beyond question. The preamble to the Constitution Act, 1982 states:

> Whereas Canada is founded upon principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law. (Emphasis added.)

This is explicit recognition that "the rule of law [is] a fundamental postulate of our constitutional structure" (*per* Rand J., *Roncarelli v. Duplessis*, 1959 CanLII 50 (SCC), [1959] S.C.R. 121, at p. 142). The rule of law has always been understood as the very basis of the English Constitution characterising the political institutions of England from the time of the Norman Conquest (A.V. Dicey, *The Law of the Constitution* (10th ed. 1959), at p. 183). It becomes a postulate of our own constitutional order by way of the preamble to the *Constitution Act, 1982*, and its implicit inclusion in the preamble to the Constitution Act, 1867 by virtue of the words "with a Constitution similar in principle to that of the United Kingdom".

Additional to the inclusion of the rule of law in the preambles of the *Constitution Acts* of 1867 and 1982, the principle is clearly implicit in the very nature of a Constitution. The Constitution, as the Supreme Law, must be understood as a purposive ordering of social relations providing a basis upon which an actual order of positive laws can be brought into existence. The founders of this nation must have intended, as one of the basic principles of nation building, that Canada be a society of legal order and normative structure: one governed by rule of law. While this is not set out in a specific provision, the principle of the rule of law is clearly a principle of our Constitution.

[51] The comments of Chief Justice Dickson on the rule of law and the principle of access to justice it was found to incorporate, did not appear to be restricted to "judge-made" law. I note in particular the well-known passage at 229-30:

> Let us turn then to s. 52(1) of the Constitution Act, 1982 which states that the Constitution of Canada is the supreme law of Canada and any law that is inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution is, to the extent of the inconsistency, of no force or effect. Earlier sections of the *Charter* assure, in clear and specific terms, certain fundamental freedoms, democratic rights, mobility rights, legal rights and equality rights of utmost importance to each and every Canadian. And what happens if those rights or freedoms are infringed or denied? Section 24(1) provides the answer — anyone whose rights or freedoms, as guaranteed by this *Charter*, have been infringed or denied may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction to obtain such remedy as the court considers appropriate and just in the circumstances. The rights and freedoms are guaranteed by the *Charter* and the courts are directed to provide a remedy in the event of infringement. To paraphrase the European Court of Human Rights in *Golder v. United Kingdom* (1975), 1 E.H.R.R. 524, at p. 536, it would be inconceivable that

> Parliament and the provinces should describe in such detail the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the *Charter* and should not first protect that which alone makes it in fact possible to benefit from such guarantees, that is, access to a court. As the Court of Human Rights truly stated: "The fair, public and expeditious characteristics of judicial proceedings are of no value at all if there are no judicial proceedings". And so it is in the present case. Of what value are the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the *Charter* if a person is denied or delayed access to a court of competent jurisdiction in order to vindicate them? How can the courts independently maintain the rule of law and effectively discharge the duties imposed by the *Charter* if court access is hindered, impeded or denied? The *Charter* protections would become merely illusory, the entire *Charter* undermined. There cannot be a rule of law without access, otherwise the rule of law is replaced by a rule of men and women who decide who shall and who shall not have access to justice. [Emphasis added.]

McIntyre J. concurred with the majority opinion that "the right of such free access [to t

[55] In the seminal ***Reference re Secession of Quebec*** 1998 CanLII 793 (SCC), [1998] 2 S.C.R. 217, the rule of law was said to be "a fundamental postulate of our constitutional structure" incorporating three elements, namely, that "the law is supreme over the acts of both government and private persons. There is, in short, one law for all"; the "creation and maintenance of an actual order of positive laws which preserves and embodies the more general principles of normative order"; and that "the exercise of all public power must find its ultimate source in a legal rule". (Para. 71.) The Court distinguished constitutionalism from the rule of law and noted the transformation to a "significant extent" of the Canadian system of government from one of parliamentary supremacy to one of constitutional supremacy. (Para. 72.) The concept of using constitutional principles to "fill in the gaps" was reiterated and the "normative force" of unwritten constitutional principles was described:

> Underlying constitutional principles may in certain circumstances give rise to substantive legal obligations (have "full legal force", as we described it in the *Patriation Reference*, *supra*, at p. 845), which constitute substantive limitations upon government action. These principles may give rise to very abstract and general obligations, or they may be more specific and precise in nature. The principles are not merely descriptive, but are also invested with a powerful normative force, and are binding upon both courts and governments. "In other words", as this Court confirmed in the *Manitoba Language Rights Reference*, *supra*, at p. 752, "in the process of Constitutional adjudication, the Court may have regard to unwritten postulates which form the very foundation of the Constitution of Canada". [para. 54; emphasis added.]

[56] In 2002, the ***Provincial Court Judges Reference*** was applied by the Supreme Court

of Canada in ***Mackin v. New Brunswick (Minister of Justice)*** 2002 SCC 13 (CanLII), [2002] 1 S.C.R. 405. Gonthier J. for the majority wrote that the legal standards governing judicial independence have been given "a fundamental status" by the preamble to the ***Constitution Act, 1867*** and by s. 11(d) of the ***Charter***. (Para. 37.) Further, he said, judicial independence is not only a right "enjoyed by a party subject to the threat of criminal proceedings but it is also a fundamental element underlying the very operations of the administration of justice. In other words, judicial independence functions as a pre-requisite for giving effect to a litigant's rights including the fundamental rights guaranteed in the *Charter*." (Para. 71.) At para. 72, the Court suggested that an infringement of judicial independence could not be justified by a simple application of s. 1 of the ***Charter***. A "more demanding onus" lay on the government to justify any such infringement. In the absence of an "independent, effective and objective" body for the consideration of changes to the "remuneration conditions" of provincial court judges, the legislation in question was declared invalid. (More recently, see the ***Provincial Court Judges' Assn. of New Brunswick v. New Brunswick (Minister of Justice)*** (2005) 255 D.L.R. (4th) 513, 2005 SCC 44.)

[64] With respect to the rule of law, Major J. for the Court noted that this principle is "a fundamental postulate of our constitutional structure", as acknowledged by the preamble to the Charter and "implicitly recognized" by the preamble to the ***Constitution Act, 1867***. He continued:

> This Court has described the rule of law as embracing three principles. The first recognizes that "the law is supreme over officials of the government as well as private individuals, and thereby preclusive of the influence of arbitrary power": *Reference re Manitoba Language Rights*, at p. 748. The second "requires the creation and maintenance of an actual order of positive laws which preserves and embodies the more general principle of normative order": *Reference re Manitoba Language Rights*, at p. 749. The third requires that "the relationship between the state and the individual ... be regulated by law": *Reference re Secession of Quebec*, at para. 71.
> So understood, it is difficult to conceive of how the rule of law could be used as a basis for invalidating legislation such as the Act based on its content. That is because none of the principles that the rule of law embraces speak directly to the terms of legislation. The first principle requires that legislation be applied to all those, including government officials, to whom it, by its terms, applies. The second principle means that legislation must exist. And the third principle, which overlaps somewhat with the first and second, requires that state officials' actions be legally founded. [paras. 58-59; emphasis added.]

[68] With respect, however, the reasons given by the Court do not extend to the problem of access to justice with which we are concerned. The objection that giving effect to the rule of law would in the circumstances of the case render "many of our written constitutional rights redundant" is not sustainable in this case, given that no law, not even the written text of the Constitution, can be given effect to if access to justice is denied. In the case of Charter breaches, s. 24(1) of the ***Charter*** guarantees access in these terms:

> 24. (1) Anyone whose rights or freedoms, as guaranteed by this Charter, have been infringed or denied may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction to obtain such remedy as the court considers appropriate and just in the circumstances.

But aside from Charter breaches, the third component of the rule of law, that the relationship between the state and the individual be regulated by law, could not be fulfilled if access to the courts (and, I would add, other independent tribunals exercising quasi-judicial functions) were effectively prohibited. Not only would individuals be unable to have their rights determined *vis-à-vis* the government or other private persons; governments would also be stymied in the execution of many of their executive and enforcement functions. Viewed in this context, the invocation of access to justice is not a challenge to legislation "based on its content". The principle operates at a more basic — one might even say threshold — level. It is content-neutral, just as courts of law are impartial between litigants. It does not imperil legal certainty and predictability: to the contrary, it seeks to provide a forum, both physical and systemic, in which those and other principles may be pursued.

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challenge to legislation "based on its content". The principle operates at a more basic — one might even say threshold — level. It is content-neutral, just as courts of law are impartial between litigants. It does not imperil legal certainty and predictability: to the contrary, it seeks to provide a forum, both physical and systemic, in which those and other principles may be pursued.

[69] The second reason given by the Court in ***Imperial Tobacco*** for its rejection of the appellants' conception of the rule of law in that case was that unwritten constitutional principles such as democracy and constitutionalism strongly favour upholding the validity of legislation. This acknowledgment of the role of legislatures to make the law and the role of courts to apply the law again assumes that the legislation does conform to the express terms of the Constitution, and that all would-be litigants have a realistic opportunity to test that assumption. But the assumption falls away if access to justice is reserved only for governmental institutions and moneyed private interests

[75] I have already indicated my opinion that the impermissible effects of government action denying or hindering access to justice are not limited to cases concerning breaches of the ***Charter***. Consistent with this, it is my opinion that the taxation of those legal services related to the judicial determination of rights and obligations is an impermissible interference with the rights of all citizens to access to, or the benefit of, justice. (I do not pretend that "justice" is in practice synonymous with the work of the judiciary, but ultimately, justice according to law is its objective.) This conclusion is also consistent with the approach taken by Professor Monahan in an article entitled "Is the Pearson Airport Legislation Unconstitutional?: The Rule of Law as a Limit on Contract Repudiation by Government", (1996) 33 ***Osgoode Hall L.J.*** 411. He pointed to a more 'organic' reason supporting the view that the rule of law, at least in the constitutional sense, centres on the determination of rights and obligations by courts of law:

> It might also be argued that Dickson C.J.'s comments [in *B.C.G.E.U.*] only apply in situations where there has been an infringement of a specific Charter right. The former Chief Justice refers at a number of points to the fact that access to the courts is required in order to vindicate *Charter* rights. Thus, it might be argued, restricting access to the courts on non-*Charter* or non-constitutional issues does not infringe the rule of law.
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> While it is true that Dickson C.J. refers frequently in his judgment to the vindication of Charter rights, it would appear to be no less offensive to the rule of law to deny court access for non-*Charter* matters. In fact, the British Columbia Court of Appeal framed the issue as one involving the jurisdiction of the courts generally

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> 114.The “rule of law” not only finds itself in the preamble to the Charter of *Rights*,

its spirit is manifested throughout the document, from the restrictions on the state's powers in relation to citizens, complete with enforcement mechanisms such as the exclusion of evidence or the invalidation of statutes to concepts such as the "principles of fundamental justice" and the requirement that any restrictions to *Charter* rights be, "demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society".

115.The idea that there are certain fundamental unwritten principles that govern all members of society including legislators and which judges are expected to enforce is not particularly new. Chief Justice McLachlin described this idea as follows:

> To these questions I would answer as follows. First, unwritten constitutional principles refer to unwritten norms that are essential to a nation's history, identity, values and legal system. Second, constitutions are best understood as providing the normative framework for governance. Seen in this functional sense, there is thus no reason to believe that they cannot embrace both written and unwritten norms. Third – and this is important because of the tone that this debate often exhibits – the idea of unwritten constitutional principles is not new and should not be seen as a rejection of the constitutional heritage our two countries share.
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> The contemporary concept of unwritten constitutional principles can be seen as a modern reincarnation of the ancient doctrines of natural law. Like those conceptions of justice, the identification of these principles seems to presuppose the existence of some kind of natural order. Unlike them, however, it does not fasten on theology as the source of the unwritten principles that transcend the exercise of state power. It is derived from the history, values and culture of the nation, viewed in its constitutional context.[69]

The Chief Justice goes on to note that these rules bind the legislative, executive and judicial branches. The debate is not so much about whether such norms exist, but what those norms are in relation to any given case where a litigant calls on such norms to his aid.

116.The Chief Justice goes on to develop the scope of these binding principles as follows:

> **This "rich intellectual tradition" of natural law seeks to give the law minimum moral content. It rests on the proposition that there is a distinction between rules and the law. Rules and rule systems can be good, but they can also be evil. Something more than the very existence of rules, it is argued, is required for them to demand respect: in short, to transform rules into law. The distinction between rule by law, which is the state of affairs in certain developing countries, and rule of law, which developed democracies espouse, succinctly captures the distinction between a mere rules system and a proper legal system that is founded on certain minimum values.** The debate about unwritten constitutional principles can thus be seen as a debate about the nature of the

law itself and what about it demands our allegiance.
Modern democratic theory, as espoused by most developed western democracies, combines two inherently contradictory doctrines. The first is what is often identified as the Diceyan doctrine that it is for Parliament and Parliament alone to establish the law, and, by implication, the fundamental norms upon which it rests. The second is the belief, widely accepted in developed modem democracies since World War II, that legal systems must adhere to certain basic norms. At a minimum they must allow citizens to vote for those who rule them, and they must not kill any (or many, depending on the state) of their citizens. This much we insist on since the Holocaust. Beyond this minimum, there is a variance, although still a solid core of agreement. States, most hold, should not torture their citizens. States should not discriminate on the basis of gender, race or religion. Finally, at the developing fringes of the new natural law, which goes by the name human rights, are other assertions. Not only should states not directly kill their citizens, they should avoid killing them indirectly by famine, medical neglect, and degradation of the environment.[70] (emphasis added)

117.Thus, as important as these principles may be, and as essential as it may be that in difficult cases the judge must stand against the winds and rains to uphold them, it is equally important that these principles not be used to create an anarchic judicial oligarchy that blithely undermines the principle of democratic government, the democratic principle being clearly recognized in, for example, sections 1 and 4 of the Charter of *Rights*:

I return to the question: how can unwritten constitution principles be identified? The answer is that they can be identified from a nation's past custom and usage; from the written text, if any, of the nation's fundamental principles; and from the nation's international commitments. Unwritten principles are not the arbitrary or subjective view of this judge or that. Rather, they are ascertained by a rigorous process of legal reasoning. Where, having regard to convention, written provisions and internationally affirmed values, it is clear that a nation and its people adhere to a particular fundamental principle or norm, then it is the court's duty to recognize it. [71]

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22 I should pause here to note that in looking to the *Charter*, it is important to bear in mind the distinction drawn by this Court between actually applying the *Charter* to the common law, on the one hand, and ensuring that the common law reflects *Charter* values, on the other. As Cory J. Stated in *Hill*, *supra*, at paras. 93 and 95:

> When determining how the Charter applies to the common law, it is important to distinguish between those cases in which the constitutionality of government action is challenged, and those in which there is no government action involved. It is important not to import into private litigation the analysis which applies in cases involving government action.
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> The most that the private litigant can do is argue that the common law is inconsistent with *Charter* values. It is very important to draw this distinction between *Charter* rights and *Charter* values. Care must be taken not to expand the application of the *Charter* beyond that established by s. 32(1), either by creating new causes of action, or by subjecting all court orders to *Charter* scrutiny. Therefore, in the context of civil litigation involving only private parties, the *Charter* will "apply" to the common law only to the extent that the common law is found to be inconsistent with *Charter* values. [Emphasis in original.]

23 While the facts of *Hill* involved an attempt to mount a Charter challenge to the common law rules of defamation, I am of the view that Cory J.'s comments are equally applicable to the common law of privilege at issue in this case. In view of the purely private nature of the litigation at bar, the *Charter* does not "apply" *per se*. Nevertheless, ensuring that the common law of privilege develops in accordance with "*Charter* values" requires that the existing rules be scrutinized to ensure that they reflect the values the *Charter* enshrines. This does not mean that the rules of privilege can be abrogated entirely and replaced with a new form of discretion governing disclosure. Rather, it means that the basic structure of the common law privilege analysis must remain intact, even if particular rules which are applied within that structure must be modified and updated to reflect emerging social realities.

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