SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA

Citation: R. v. Calder, 2010 NSSC 136

Date: 20100407 Docket: CRH 316393 Registry: Halifax

Between:

Her Majesty the Queen

v.

Anne Calder

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Judge: The Honourable Justice Peter Bryson

Heard: April 7, 2010, in Halifax, Nova Scotia (**Voir Dire**)

Subject: Civil Rights. Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Sections 10 (b) and 24 (2). Right to counsel. Exclusion of

Evidence.

Summary: Accused lawyer was questioned by correctional officers after she

was seen surreptitiously passing contraband to her client who was

an inmate at the correctional facility. She responded to the questions. She received no 10(b) caution regarding right to

counsel.

Issues: Were Correctional Officers "persons in authority"? Were

statements voluntary? Was there detention so as to trigger a right

to s. 10(b) caution? Were statements admissible?

Result: Statements admissible. Officers were persons in authority.

Statements were voluntary. Accused was detained briefly and should have received s. 10(b) caution. Admission of statements

would not bring administration of justice into disrepute.

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