

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA**

**Citation:** Ormrod v. Goodall, 2002 NSSC 243

**Date:** 20021112

**Docket:** S. P. 06140

**Registry:** Pictou

**Between:**

April Ormrod by her Litigation Guardian Ralph Ormrod

Plaintiff

-and-

Russell Tyler Goodall and George Goodall

Defendants

Justice David W. Gruchy

Pictou, NS

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**Judge:** The Honourable Justice David W. Gruchy

**Heard:** May 30, 2002 in Pictou

**Written Decision:** November 12, 2002

**Subject:** Infants (settlements); Barristers and Solicitors; Practice

**Summary:** Application for approval of infants' settlement. A contingency fee of 25% claimed. Documents filed in support did not fully comply with approved precedents.

**Issue:** Correct approach when claiming contingency fees in an infants' settlement.

**Result:** In order to determine if fees claimed are fair and reasonable it is necessary to compare to fees ordinarily charged. Court is obliged to determine fairness and reasonableness and may consider all factors set forth in Barristers' Society Code of Ethics. Compliance with "approved forms" of infants' settlements considered.

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