

## Mi'kmaw Legal Support Network

To develop and maintain a new relationship between the criminal justice system and the Mi'kmaq and Indigenous people of Nova Scotia.

MLSN was initiated by the Nova Scotia chiefs to develop and maintain a sustainable justice support system. This will ensure fair treatment of all Mi'kmaq and Indigenous people in the justice system.

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## Gladue Report and Aftercare Program



## What is the Gladue Decision?

In 1999, the Supreme Court of Canada released the Gladue decision. It was a court case that recognized that indigenous people have been subjected to systemic racism in the criminal justice system.

It also said the unique system background factors that may have played a part in bringing the Aboriginal person before the court and the types of sentencing procedures and sanctions that may be appropriate in the circumstances because of their particular aboriginal heritage or connection.

## How can the Gladue Decision from the Supreme Court help me?

A Gladue Report helps the judge decide on what action to take when sentencing. The judge's decision may not always mean going to jail for the crime committed.

It helps the judge understand and other people in the justice system 718.2(e) of the Criminal Code.

## Sections of a Gladue Report

- Personal History
- Family History
- Aboriginal Community History
- Current Circumstances
- Summary
- Community Recommendations

The purpose of a Gladue Report is to give the judge a complete picture of the indigenous person before the court. The report has details about the indigenous background and the circumstances that brought them before the court. Not all judges and other people in the justice system are familiar with indigenous peoples' history in Canada. The Gladue Report is often key to educating a judge about the unique circumstances that affected and continue to affect all indigenous people.

To make a good decision you will need to tell the judge some things about your life that you might not like to talk about, a Gladue writer will guide you through this process. This will help your case and could help you in not getting in trouble again by knowing more about yourself. This is what is meant by restoring balance.



## Gladue Aftercare Program

**You've had a Gladue Report prepared for sentencing, and you have been sentenced...now what?**

MLSN is aware, some clients come out of court overwhelmed by the number of conditions outlined in a probation order or a sentence order, and some feel they don't know where to begin. MLSN can help.

### We will:

- Help you with a healing plan.
- Help you follow through with Gladue recommendations.
- Keep in contact with you while you are working on your healing plan.
- Help you understand the conditions of your sentence.

**When you have plead guilty or are found guilty, you can ask the court to request a Gladue Report.**

**Then a writer will get in touch with you to start the process.**

**For more information, please contact MLSN Gladue Department at:  
(902) 895-1141**