

Court File No.:

**ONTARIO  
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

BETWEEN:

Plaintiff

- and -

Defendant

**PLAINTIFF'S STATEMENT OF LAW**

**VOLUME 1  
WITNESSES**

***ORDER OF WITNESSES***

**PART I – OVERVIEW**

1. Generally, counsel maintains control over calling evidence, subject to certain rules.  
  
There is no absolute rule that the plaintiff must be called as the first witness, and expert evidence may be led prior to the plaintiff's testimony.
2. It is not necessary to prove each fact underlying an expert's opinion; where there is some admissible evidence on which to base the opinion, it is a matter of the weight to be given to the opinion. An expert opinion may be based on hearsay, but second-hand evidence is not admissible as evidence going to show the existence of facts on

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which the opinion is based. It is only admissible to show the information on which the opinion is based.

3. The trial judge may exclude a witness from the courtroom until called to give evidence.

**\*\* END OF SAMPLE \*\***

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