



## **AN IMPORTANT HISTORY LESSON**

**“In the eyes of the law... the slave is not a person.”**

Virginia Supreme Court, 1858

**“The statutory word ‘person’ did not in these circumstances, include women.”**

British Voting Rights Cas, 1909

**“The law of Canada does not recognize the unborn child as a legal person  
possessing rights.”**

Canadian Supreme Court decision, Winnipeg Child and Family Services Case, 1997

**Sometimes the most important lessons take the longest to learn**

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