

## **Seriously ill patients and their family members and friends urge the B.C. Supreme Court to allow for the right to die with dignity**

The plaintiffs in the *Carter* case are supported by a diverse group of individuals who have serious and incurable illnesses and their friends and families. They have provided evidence to the court that choice in dying upholds human rights and prevents unbearable suffering.

Peter F (71) who recently died of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) a fatal neurodegenerative disease with no known cure or effective treatment.

[Affidavit dated August 26, 2011](#)

Leslie L (54) who has stage IIIC anal cancer who wants the right to choose when she dies.

[Affidavit dated August 22, 2011](#)

Jonathan L (52) who has Huntington's disease. He watched his grandmother and mother die from the same disease and does not want to suffer as they did.

[Affidavit dated July 26, 2011](#)

Elayne S (64) is a former nurse and palliative care volunteer. She has multiple sclerosis, an incurable, progressive disease.

[Affidavit dated August 3, 2011](#)

Pieter Z (63) who has Huntington's disease. He watched his aunt, uncle and mother die of the disease and fears losing his dignity in the same way.

[Affidavit dated August 26, 2011](#)

Ian P (68) who has ALS. He explains why he wants the choice of physician-assisted dying.

[Affidavit dated August 28, 2011](#)

Antony N (57) from the United Kingdom who had a stroke in 2005 and contracted locked-in syndrome. He is paralyzed from the neck down and is unable to speak. He is also appealing to the courts in the United Kingdom for the right to choose physician assisted suicide.

[Affidavit dated August 22, 2011](#)

Grace F, wife of Peter who had ALS and died as a result of the condition. She described the suffering she witnessed as her husband's condition deteriorated.

[Affidavit dated November 4, 2011](#)

Susan B's husband died of small cell lung cancer. She subsequently contracted lung cancer. Although she is now cancer free, she has seen how horrible the disease and dying process can be and is pushing for a change in the law.

[Affidavit dated August 25, 2011](#)

Janet C, wife of Nagui who discovered he had the gene for Huntington's disease in 1995.

[Affidavit dated July 11, 2011](#)

Rosana P, a medical officer of health and life-long friend of Jacqui who had Friedreich's Ataxia, a rare autosomal recessive genetic disorder that attacks the neuromuscular junction and leads to progressive muscle failure. Ms. Spoth committed suicide to end her suffering.

[Affidavit dated July 20, 2011](#)

Marlene R, wife of Isadore who had ALS. She and her husband discussed the issue of assisted dying on many occasions. Her husband died as a result of his illness in 2011.

[Affidavit dated August 24, 2011](#)

Nica C from Australia, wife of Robert who had Motor Neuron Disease. He committed suicide in 2009.

[Affidavit dated August 24, 2011](#)