

**ONTARIO**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE

B E T W E E N:

N.S. in her personal capacity and as Trustee of the Estate of H.A., deceased, and as Litigation Representative of the Estate of K.A., deceased

Plaintiff

-and-

UKRAINE INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES

Defendant

**TRAUMA INFORMED TRIAL GUIDELINES**

To minimize re-traumatization and vicarious trauma experienced by witnesses providing testimony, Counsel, court staff and observers of the proceedings, the following measures are recommended:

1. Counsel will prepare witnesses and observers ahead of time for the potential of re-traumatization and vicarious trauma.
2. Witnesses and/or observers have been encouraged to view the resource material prepared by a trauma specialist with respect to what re-traumatization and vicarious trauma is and how to best cope/support others.
  - Appendix A – Trauma Informed Care Guide for Claimants
  - Appendix B – Trauma Informed Care Guide for Counsel, Court Staff
  - Appendix C – Trauma Informed Care Guide to Preparing for Trial
3. Counsel will announce what will be covered on each day in court so observers can make an informed decision on whether to attend. In addition, Counsel will announce before commencing an examination which areas could cause an emotional response. Counsel will announce immediately before any audio is played or text messages of victims are displayed in court to allow persons to prepare and/or leave.
4. Witnesses and/or observers will be reminded they can take a break at any time.
5. Counsel will have a trauma specialist available, via phone, for support during the trial.