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*Atikameksheng
Anishnawbek*

*Aundeck Omni
Kaning*

Batchewana

Dokis

Garden River

Henvey Inlet

Magnetawan

M'Chigeeng

Mississauga #8

Nipissing

*Sagamok
Anishnawbek*

Serpent River

Shawanaga

Sheguiandah

Shesheganing

Thessalon

Wahnapiatae

Wasauksing

Whitefish River

*Wikwemikong
Unceded Indian
Reserve*

Zhiibaahaasing

In Memory of Joe Arvay, A Tireless Advocate, And Member Of The Robinson-Huron Treaty Litigation Fund Legal Team.

The Robinson-Huron Treaty Litigation Fund is deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Joe Arvay, who was a member of the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund legal team.

The RHTLF was fortunate to benefit from Joe's immense experience. As a litigator, he led landmark cases in Canada that helped fight for the civil liberties in areas such as medically-assisted death, and same-sex marriage. Other notable cases in which Joe represented the person challenging a law, or groups intervening to help persuade courts to strike down a law, include a recent case that brought an end to indefinite solitary confinement in federal prisons. He was well known for his extraordinary record as a litigator and his tenacity as an advocate, which he brought to the Robinson-Huron Treaty Annuities case.

While working on the Robinson-Huron Treaty Annuities case, it was important to Joe that he understand Anishinaabe perspectives, so that he could champion them in the courtroom. He prioritized spending time with the communities he represented, participating in cultural and ceremonial practices when the opportunity arose.

He will be greatly missed by the RHTLF, and we send our sincere condolences to Joe's family, loved ones, friends, and colleagues.

The Robinson-Huron Treaty leadership will honour Joe in a ceremony for his journey to the spirit world.