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Intervention is a strategic way to bring Indigenous perspectives to legal challenges without Nations having to shoulder the entire financial burden of bringing a case through the justice system. The lower costs of bringing actions – coupled with the influence that intervenors can have on case outcomes – makes this a strategic way forward for RAVEN's partners who are asserting their rights through the courts.

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WHAT IS AN INTERVENOR?



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An Intervenor is a third party permitted by a court to make arguments in a case. Intervenor status is sometimes referred to as “friends of the court,” or as public interest advocates. While organizations such as the Canadian Civil Liberties Association and Amnesty International can and do intervene in legal challenges, large corporations whose interests are affected by proceedings are also frequently granted Intervenor status.

The six-factor test for leave to intervene in the Federal Court and the Federal Court of Appeal involves: proving that the intervenor will be directly affected by the outcome of the case; that the issue at stake is in the public interest; and, that there is no other way for the intervenor to bring their evidence and perspective to the court. The six-factor test also involves proving that the intervenor has unique insight not already being provided by another party and that the case evaluation will be strengthened by the intervenor – essentially, a test of the necessity for this particular intervention.

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