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Lawyers' Rights Watch Canada has conducted research, education and advocacy on human rights issues in British Columbia (BC) since 2002. The primary focus of LRWC's work in BC has been on access to remedies for violations of rights ("access to justice") including remedies for violations of rights of Indigenous Peoples and persons. See the list of selected reports and publications below (in descending date order):

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- **Canada: Implementation of UNDRIP is now the law**, Statement, June 2021, <https://www.lrwc.org/canada-must-implement-the-un-declaration-of-the-rights-of-indigenous-peoples-update/>. (This act applies to Canada's federal government. Some federal legislation is relevant to persons in BC);
- **Canada's Senate must immediately pass Bill C-15: UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act**, statement, 19 May 2021, <https://www.lrwc.org/bill-c-15-undrip-act/>;
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