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The SCC Leave Project: Predictions for January 29, 2026

Here’s a look at the leave application decisions that the Supreme Court of Canada will be releasing on January 29, 2026.

Each week, we’ll be providing a short blog post that summarizes some of the upcoming cases and gives a prediction of the probability that leave will be granted. These predictions will be based on our proprietary machine learning model and dataset of every leave application decision released by the Supreme Court of Canada from January 1, 2018 onward.

Each week, we’ll group cases into four categories:

- **Cases to Watch** – These are cases where our model predicts greater than a 25% chance that leave will be granted. These cases have a much better than average chance that leave will be granted. While this doesn’t mean that all of them will get leave, they are worth watching as strong candidates.
- **Possible Contenders** – These are cases where our model predicts between a 5% and 25% chance that leave will be granted. These cases have an average to somewhat above-average chance of getting leave. While most cases in this category won’t get leave, on average, we expect to see a healthy minority of cases in this category being granted leave.
- **Unlikely Contenders** – These are cases where our model predicts between a 1% and 5% chance that the case will get leave. The safe bet is against leave being granted in these cases, but we do expect to see it from time to time.
- **Long-Shots** – These are cases where our model predicts a less than 1% chance that the case will get leave. Although it will happen from time to time, it would be an outlier for our model for these cases to be granted leave. We will not be providing summaries for these cases.

If this is your first time reading our weekly SCC leave predictions blog, have a look at an explanation and caveats about our model here.

THIS WEEK'S CASES

There are five leave application decisions coming out on January 29, 2026. Our model only predicts the probabilities of successful leave applications in cases where leave was sought from the Court of Appeal. We will not comment or provide a prediction on cases where leave was sought directly from a Superior Court decision or on cases in which we are involved. That leaves five cases in which we'll give a prediction.

You can find a detailed summary of all of the cases that are up for leave decisions this week here.

Possible Contenders

Entreprises Bertrand Roberge ltée v Robert Giroux

- **Our Model's Prediction:** This case has a 9% chance of getting leave.

Canadian Energy Services L.P v Secure Energy (Drilling Services) Inc

- **Our Model's Prediction:** This case has a 6% chance of getting leave.

Unlikely Contenders

Noah Dunnett v His Majesty the King

- **Our Model's Prediction:** This case has a 3% chance of getting leave.

Long-Shots

6517633 Canada Ltd v Gibson Creek Farms Ltd

- **Our Model's Prediction:** This case has a less than 1% chance of getting leave.

K. Matthew Hoang v Mann Engineering Ltd

- **Our Model's Prediction:** This case has a less than 1% chance of getting leave.