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Request for adjudication by the gender related task force

The Refugee Protection Division (RPD) of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB) is committed to adopting and advancing best practices when conducting hearings for refugee claimants raising gender-related issues.

All RPD members are provided extensive training in conducting hearings that deal with sensitive matters and have received additional mandatory training on questioning and decision-making related to sexual orientation and gender identity and expression (SOGIE) claims. All members are also subject to the [Code of Conduct for Members of the IRB](#). As such, all RPD members can hear gender-related refugee claims.

The RPD recognizes that additional training can be valuable for members hearing gender related claims and to this end, the RPD has established a Gender Related Task Force (GRTF) whose members have received additional specialized training. The training focuses on trauma-informed practice, trauma-informed decision making, questioning from a cross-cultural and trauma-informed perspective, cultural humility, trauma-informed adjudication, intersectionality and reflexivity.

Please note that requesting adjudication by the GRTF will not result in shorter processing times.

In order to make a request for a case to be considered by the RPD's GRTF, please provide brief reasons in the space provided below which must include an explanation on how the personal or documentary evidence and personal profile of the claimant(s) justify a hearing with a member of the GRTF.

This form must be sent to the RPD in PDF form to the following address: irb.GRTF-ESDAG.cisr@irb-cisr.gc.ca at least 10 days prior to the hearing, and the subject line of the email must state the RPD file number, the date of the hearing , if applicable, and the type of document. The RPD members will not entertain such an application at the outset of the hearing.

<p>I, _____ (counsel name) would like to request consideration for this refugee claim to be heard by a member of the Gender Related Task Force.</p>	
<p>_____</p> <p>Counsel signature</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>Date (YYYY-MM-DD)</p>



The following are the reasons for my request: