

Their statement of defence made clear that the federal government believed it had no special obligation to soldiers and that promises of care for the wounded, dating back to the First World War, were political statements not binding on present or future governments.

Sorochan says the language has since been modified, but he believes the debate strikes at the heart of the Constitution in the sense that it would be impossible for a nation to raise a citizen's army during war – or even a peacetime volunteer force – without some kind of assurance that the wounded and the families of the fallen would receive special attention.

In an interview with AdvocateDaily.com, Toronto civil litigator [Sarah O'Connor](#) says it's a move in the right direction that the Liberals are hoping to end the class-action suit.

She says it's also good news that the government plans to rectify the Tories' stance in litigation, which is that the country has no special obligation to soldiers and that promises of care for the wounded, dating back to the First World War, were political statements not binding on present or future governments.

"I completely agree with Sorochan and his belief that it would be impossible for a nation to raise a citizen's army during war – or even a peacetime volunteer force – without some kind of assurance that the wounded and the families of the fallen would receive special attention," she tells the online legal publication.

O'Connor, principal of [O'Connor Richardson Professional Corporation](#), says she would like to see the Liberals restore lifetime pensions.

In addition, she says the prime minister's meeting with Prince Harry to mark the countdown to the Invictus Games is a positive sign.

O'Connor points to how some veterans advocates recently raised concerns about proceeds from the poppy fund being used to support the Games.

"I think it's smart of the Legion to support the Invictus Games and I would have found it troubling if the Legion didn't support the Games," she says. "They used a small portion of the total poppy campaign as a donation. It will bring more awareness to injured vets; especially with Prince Harry here promoting the Games."

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