

OTTAWA, ONTARIO, THE 16TH DAY OF JANUARY 1997.

PRESENT: THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PINARD

IN RE the *Citizenship Act*,
R.S.C. 1985, c. C-29,

AND IN RE an appeal from the
decision of a citizenship judge,

AND IN RE

JUAN DE DIOS ACOSTA RIVERA,

Appellant.

JUDGMENT

The appeal from the citizenship judge's decision of October 31, 1995 denying the appellant Canadian citizenship is allowed, with the result that the appellant must not be denied Canadian citizenship on the ground that he does not meet the requirements of paragraph 5(1)(e) of the *Citizenship Act*.

YVON PINARD

JUDGE

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REASONS FOR JUDGMENT

PINARD J.

The appellant is appealing the citizenship judge's decision under paragraph 5(1)(e) of the *Citizenship Act* to dismiss his application for citizenship on the ground that he had inadequate knowledge of Canada and of the responsibilities and privileges of citizenship. This is an appeal *de novo*.

Whatever the appellant's knowledge may have been when he appeared before the citizenship judge, he demonstrated to me that he has since acquired greater knowledge of Canada and of the responsibilities and privileges of citizenship. Although that improved knowledge is not yet complete, I believe, like the *amicus curiae*, that it is adequate and that it accordingly meets the requirements of the Act.

The appeal will therefore be allowed.

OTTAWA, Ontario
January 16, 1997

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