

# **Administrative Law**

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### *How Bruce Willis Would Have Decided Roncarelli v Duplessis*

American action hero and movie star Bruce Willis would bring an interesting perspective to *Roncarelli v Duplessis*<sup>1</sup>. Despite what leading legal scholars would describe as a critical lack of legal training, Bruce Willis's vast acting experience would lead him to fight the bad guys, save the world, and make the right legal decision. He would then star in three more sequels to that decision, each one less entertaining and memorable than the one before it – but profitable nevertheless.

If *Die Hard* taught us anything, it's that Bruce Willis doesn't mind standing up for what's right – even in the face of terrible odds. Hans Gruber and his gang of terrorists thought they had the entire situation under control, but they didn't account for the grit and determination of one cop who just wanted to reconnect with his estranged wife on Christmas Eve. Analogously, Maurice Duplessis had a stranglehold on political power in Quebec and did not count on the... hmm, okay, this metaphor really doesn't work unless you think Quebec is kind of like an office tower. Which it kind of is if you think about it.

In *Armageddon*, not as good as *Die Hard*, but still good precedent, Bruce Willis proved that he and a team of lovable drilling experts can save the world from total destruction. So presumably, saving some Jehovah's Witnesses from losing their liquor licenses should be easy work. Plus he's also appeared in some more artsy films like *Pulp Fiction*, so this proves that he has the emotional depth necessary to handle judicial decision-making.

*Roncarelli v Duplessis* is all about making the right call or making the judicially defensible one. Action heroes like Bruce Willis don't have time for your fancy formalism or legally-binding precedent. They go with instincts, and that's if they even bother to read the facts at all. And Willis's instincts would tell him to save those victimized religious groups in Quebec, even if he has to die trying - although his characters have a knack for surviving even the most deadly & improbable accidents, I mean, did you see *Die Hard 4*?? He was on top of a moving fighter jet! And can you believe they're making *Die Hard 5*? That franchise needs to end. But the point is, he'd side with *Roncarelli* because villains never win in the movies. Seriously though, they're making *Die Hard 5*, I didn't make that up. This guy is almost 56 years old, these movies just aren't believable anymore.

In conclusion, my reasoning is faulty at best and I may or may not have made most of this up. But seeing as this is admin law, those aren't really major obstacles in an analysis. And that's why Bruce Willis would reaffirm the court's ruling in *Roncarelli*.

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<sup>1</sup> Citations are boring.

Since my essay is only 500 words, here are two pictures of Bruce Willis that will hopefully make up the difference:

