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## **Iacobucci was Paid More Than Two and a Half Million**

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Pat Nume: The lawyer who negotiated a settlement for Indian Residential School students was paid more than two and a half million dollars for the work. Retired Judge Frank Yakabuchi was appointed in June 2005. CBC News has learned that since then he has earned up to two hundred thousand dollars per month.

John Weidlich reports.

John Weidlich: For more than a decade former students of Indian Residential Schools have been pursuing law suits against Ottawa and churches for damages relating to their experiences, litigation was taking a lot of time and only a handful of cases were settled.

In 2005 Frank Yakabuchi a retired judge of the Supreme Court was appointed to find a way out of the legal quagmire according to documents obtained through access to information Yakabuchi was paid up to two hundred thousand dollars per month plus expenses for his work. The money was for his expertise and the assistance of two junior lawyers in his office.

The rate is more than the standard range Ottawa pays. It caught some by surprise, including Regina lawyer Tony Merchant who represents many former students.

Tony Merchant: I'm surprised and certainly nobody knows anything about that it's a very significant sum surprising significant sum.

John Weidlich: Merchant is himself looking for significant legal fees however he says his firm spent ten years on cases and more than one hundred lawyers worked on them. Calls to Yakabuchi's Toronto law firm were not returned. John Weidlich CBC News Regina.