

NOTICE REGARDING THE AUTHORIZATION OF A CLASS ACTION AGAINST THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF QUEBEC

On December 1st, 2022, the Superior Court authorized the institution of a class action against the Attorney General of Quebec on behalf of the following individuals:

Any individual who, having (directly or indirectly) suffered from a crime against the person committed within the Nunavik territory, did not receive, from the Government or its representatives, the support they were entitled to under the indemnification scheme provided for in the Crime Victims Compensation Act (the "**Class**").

Shall be excluded from this group the victim of one or more crimes that occurred before March 1st, 1972 and were never reported to the public authorities.

If you fall within the definition of the Class, a claim for damages is being made on your behalf.

PRINCIPAL QUESTIONS OF LAW AND FACT TO BE DEALT WITH COLLECTIVELY

The principal questions of fact and law that will be addressed collectively in the Class action are as follows:

- Did the Defendant fail to honor the obligations imposed upon them by the Crime Victims Compensation Act and the Act Respecting Assistance for Victims of Crime when it came to class members?
- If so, must the Defendant compensate the class members for the harm they have suffered?
- Did the Defendant violate the fundamental rights of class members protected under section 15 of the Canadian Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms ("**Canadian Charter**")?
- If so, are the class members entitled to damages within the meaning of subsection 24(1) of the Canadian Charter?
- Did the Defendant violate the fundamental rights of class members protected under sections 4 and 10 of the Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms ("**Quebec Charter**")?
- If so, are the class members entitled to punitive damages within the meaning of subsection 49(2) of the Quebec Charter?

CONCLUSIONS SOUGHT

The conclusions sought in relation to these questions are as follows:

GRANT the Plaintiff's action on behalf of all Class members;

ORDER the Defendant to pay each class member an amount of ten thousand dollars (10 000,00 \$) for each crime they were subjected to as compensatory damages collectively recoverable, the whole with interest and the additional indemnity as of August 20, 2021;

ORDER the Defendant to pay each class member an amount of ten thousand dollars (10 000,00 \$) as punitive damages and as a just reparation pursuant to Section 24(1) of the *Canadian Charter*, to be collectively recovered;

THE WHOLE with costs, including the cost of all experts, notices and administration costs.

THE RIGHT TO EXCLUSION

Class members do not need to do anything in order to benefit from and to be bound by any judgment to be rendered in the class action.

If you do not wish to benefit from or be bound by the class action, you may exclude yourself by notifying the Clerk of the Superior Court of the District of Montreal. Your signed request for exclusion must include all of the following information:

- The name and file number of the case, i.e. Raven Gordon-Kawapit v. Attorney General of Quebec (500-06-001160-213);
- Your name, address, telephone number(s) and email address;
- Explicit confirmation that you want to be excluded from the class action;

The request for exclusion must be mailed to the address below within sixty (60) days of the date of this notice:

Civil Registry of the Superior Court
of Quebec
Montreal Courthouse
1 Notre-Dame Street East
Counter 1.120
Montreal (Quebec)
H2Y 1B6

If you have already filed an individual legal action having the same object as the class action, you are deemed to exclude yourself from the class if you do not withdraw your individual action before the expiry of the exclusion period.

INTERVENTION

A member of the Class may apply to the Court for authorization to intervene in the class action. The Court may accept the intervention if it is of the opinion that the intervention is useful to the Class. Members other than the representative or an intervenor cannot be ordered to pay legal costs.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For any questions relating to the class action and/or your rights, please contact the lawyers handling the class action:

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If you wish to receive information on future developments in the class action, you can fill in the form available on the website of the members' lawyers: <https://www.coupalchauvelot.com>.

The publication of this notice has been authorized by the Honorable Lukasz Granosik, j.s.c.