

May 30, 2005 (Hamilton, Ontario)

## **ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS AND CATERER FACE CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT**

A Statement of Claim was issued in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice today for damages for negligence and breach of duty against Royal Botanical Gardens and its Caterer, Compton & Greenland Fine Foods and Catering Ltd., in respect of food poisoning suffered by more than 100 individuals who attended a Mother's Day Brunch held at Royal Botanical Gardens on May 8, 2005.

The Statement of Claim seeks damages of \$1,000,000.00.

The Plaintiff, Douglas Jones of Caledonia, Ontario, is bringing the action under the *Class Proceedings Act*, 1992, on behalf of a Class consisting of any person who suffered food poisoning as a result of consumption of contaminated food served at the Royal Botanical Gardens Mother's Day Brunch.

The Claim is being pursued by Scarfone Hawkins <sup>LLP</sup> of Hamilton, a law firm with significant experience in handling complex class action claims on behalf of Plaintiffs.

Scarfone Hawkins <sup>LLP</sup> acted as lead counsel in successful settlement of claims against London Life Insurance Company and Canada Life Assurance Company involving "premium off-set" life insurance policies, on behalf of more than 1 Million policyholders across Canada.

Scarfone Hawkins <sup>LLP</sup> also acted in a successful class action claims against Canada Post Corporation relating to the sale of 150,000 CD-Roms that advertised "free unlimited internet access for life" but did not perform as represented, and against Bell Canada for improper long distance charges which resulted in recovery of \$10,000,000.00 for consumers.

Scarfone Hawkins <sup>LLP</sup> also acts in pursuing a claim against Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation and Dr. Daya relating to fertility surgery performed on many women where the hospital admits that the surgery was inappropriate and unnecessary.

The Statement of Claim contains allegations which have yet to be proven in Court.

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