

PRESS RELEASE

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COURT APPROVES RBG MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

The Ontario Superior Court of Justice has approved settlement of a class action lawsuit between Douglas Jones of Caledonia, the Royal Botanical Gardens and its caterer.

A hearing took place in Hamilton today at which the Court approved the settlement as fair, reasonable and in the best interest of class members.

A Notice will now be published setting-out the terms of the Settlement Agreement and the rights of class members, including the procedure to opt-out.

The Settlement Agreement requires that all class members seeking compensation file with a Court-appointed Adjudicator a completed Application Form. The Application Form includes a Statutory Declaration which must be sworn.

Claims will be classified and compensation will be awarded based on a classification of the claims.

General damages awards will range between \$500.00 and \$50,000.00, dependant largely upon the length of time that the symptoms of illness were experienced by the claimant.

The maximum amount available to class members under the settlement is \$2,000,000.00, which represents the insurance policy limits available to respond to this claim.

Class members will have until December 1, 2006 to complete and file an Application Form with the Adjudicator.

David Thompson of Scarfone Hawkins ^{LLP} in Hamilton, lead counsel for the class, said he is very pleased with the approval of the settlement by the Ontario Court.

"Actions such as these are extremely important in that they achieve access to justice, judicial economy and behaviour modification", said Thompson. "Without a class action, affected individuals would not have received any form of compensation".

Scarfone Hawkins ^{LLP} is a law firm with significant experience in handling complex class action claims on behalf of Plaintiffs.

More information is available on the Scarfone Hawkins ^{LLP} class action website at www.classactionlaw.ca.

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