Cour fédérale



#### Federal Court

Date: 20180726

**Dossier: T-2212-16** 

Référence: 2018 CF 905

[TRADUCTION FRANÇAISE]

Ottawa (Ontario), le 26 juillet 2018

En présence de monsieur le juge Phelan

**ENTRE:** 

## JESSICA RIDDLE, WENDY LEE WHITE et CATRIONA CHARLIE

demanderesses

et

#### SA MAJESTÉ LA REINE

défenderesse

#### **ORDONNANCE**

**ATTENDU QUE**, par ordonnance de la Cour datée du 11 mai 2018, la Cour a approuvé l'entente de règlement entre les demanderesses et la défenderesse datée du 30 novembre 2017 (l'ordonnance d'approbation du règlement);

**ET ATTENDU QUE** l'ordonnance d'approbation du règlement énonce qu'un examen exhaustif, approfondi et détaillé doit être réalisé relativement à l'administrateur en ce qui a trait à tous les travaux éventuels en lien avec les responsabilités qui lui seront confiées, le but étant d'assurer une diffusion exacte, efficace et vaste de renseignements utiles et pertinents à

l'intention de ceux qui ont vécu la rafle des années 1960 et des héritiers de ceux qui ont été assujettis à la rafle des années 1960, tel qu'il est précisé dans le règlement; et, en outre, de superviser et de contrôler tous les travaux futurs devant être réalisés par l'administrateur en ce qui concerne le versement de paiements individuels aux membres du groupe, à leurs héritiers et autres personnes qui seront respectueusement mentionnés dans l'entente comme faisant partie des exceptions;

APRÈS AVOIR ENTENDU la requête déposée par les demanderesses, sur consentement, en vue d'une ordonnance pour nommer un contrôleur de l'administration des réclamations;

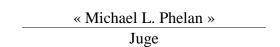
**ET APRÈS AVOIR ÉTÉ AVISÉE** du consentement de la défenderesse à l'égard de la forme de la présente ordonnance;

ET APRÈS AVOIR ENTENDU les observations orales des avocats des demanderesses et de la défenderesse;

#### LA COUR ORDONNE CE QUI SUIT :

- CA2 Inc. sera et est nommé par la présente à titre de contrôleur de l'administration des réclamations et la proposition de CA2 Inc. d'agir à titre de contrôleur de l'administration des réclamations, jointe aux présentes à l'annexe A, sera et est par la présente approuvée.
- CA2 Inc. n'aura aucun intérêt dans Collectiva Class Action Services Inc. à aucun moment durant sa nomination à titre de contrôleur de l'administration des

- réclamations ou durant l'administration du règlement de la rafle des années 1960 par Collectiva Class Action Services Inc.
- 3. CA2 Inc. devra rendre compte à la Cour fédérale au moins tous les six (6) mois à compter de la date de sa nomination de l'état d'avancement du contrôle de l'administration des réclamations jusqu'à la réalisation définitive de l'administration du règlement.
- 4. Tout litige entre CA2 Inc. et Collectiva Class Action Services Inc. sera résolu par le juge chargé de la gestion de l'instance.
- 5. Les honoraires de CA2 Inc. seront approuvés par le comité d'exceptions et versés par Sa Majesté la Reine du chef du Canada conformément à la proposition de CA2 Inc.



### ANNEXE A



# PROPOSAL TO SERVE AS COURT APPOINTED MONITOR

Settlement of Sixties Scoop Class Action

CA2 Inc. | 9 Prince Arthur Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5R 1B2



Class Action Claims Administration

May 29, 2018

#### Private and Confidential

Koskie Minsky LLP 20 Queen Street West, Suite 900 Toronto, ON M5H 3R3

Attention: Mr. Garth Myers - Co-Counsel for the Plaintiffs

Department of Justice Canada 234 Wellington Street East Tower - Room 1001 Ottawa, ON K1A 0H8

Attention: Ms. Catharine Moore - Counsel for the Defendant

Dear Sir/Madam:

Subject: Proposal to serve as court appointed Monitor Settlement of the Sixties Scoop Class Action

Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada (the "Defendant") and Jessica Riddle, Wendy Lee White, and Catriona Charlie (the "Representative Plaintiffs") through their counsel, the Department of Justice Canada ("Counsel for the Defendant") as well as Koskie Minsky LLP, Klein Lawyers LLP, and Merchant Law Group LLP ("Co-Counsel for the Plaintiffs") have requested that I submit a proposal to assume the role of the court appointed Monitor In the settlement of the Riddle et al. v Her Majesty the Queen matter (Court File No. T-2212-16).

#### Background

Pursuant to the Order of the Honourable Mr. Justice Shore of the Federal Court dated May 11, 2018 (the "Order"), Collectiva Class Action Services Inc. has been selected to carry out the duties of the Administrator under the terms the Settlement Agreement dated November 30. 2017 (the "Agreement").

The Order states that a complete, significant, and detailed review must take place for all eventual work pertaining to the Administrator's responsibilities, to ensure accurate and effective dissemination of information to claimants and their heirs, and to supervise and monitor all future work that must be carried out by the Administrator. As a consequence, and as an experienced class action claims administration professional, I propose to serve in a Monitor capacity. The role of the Monitor would be to review and report on compliance with the duties of the Administrator prescribed in the Agreement.

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I understand that the Administrator's responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- establishing processes to evaluate timely claim submissions;
- · implementing procedures to distribute compensation payments;
- · providing the Exceptions Committee with monthly status reports;
- ensuring sufficient resources are deployed to fulfill prescribed duties;
- · tracking claims processing and settlement activities for reporting purposes;
- · addressing enquiries and notifying claimants of validation decisions;
- · responding to correspondence, including regarding compensation payments;
- · accommodating claimant language requests on a best efforts basis;
- · maintaining a database to determine amounts to be paid by the Defendant; and
- fulfilling other duties as directed by the Federal Court and the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

#### Scope

Based on my experience as court appointed Monitor or Settlement Administrator in similar class proceedings listed in Appendix A, I would suggest that a three-phase approach to oversight may be warranted and would comprise:

- reviewing the protocols and procedures established by the Administrator to conduct the settlement administration:
- monitoring the activities/outputs of the Administrator throughout the claims intake, processing, validation, and distribution process; and
- reporting to the courts on the Administrator's fulfillment of the duties required under the terms of the Agreement.

Following initial consultation with the Administrator, I envision the following tasks will be required:

- reviewing the delivery of the claims administration function to identify and eliminate any operational/process inefficiencies;
- examining the correspondence language employed by the Administrator to ensure correctness, promote ease of understanding and reduce claimant enquiries;
- advising on bilingual call centre scripts to ensure accurate information is provided and conveyed concisely to potential claimants;
- reviewing the search process to verify that outreach efforts are in adherence to the Address Search Plan outlined in Schedule N;
- evaluating the control measures adopted by the Administrator to validate class member eligibility, including with Canada and the Provinces, and level of payment entitlement;
- identifying the process of compiling class population data, class member eligibility criteria, and supporting documentation requirements;
- confirming the sufficiency and completeness of the database employed by the Administrator in relation to the reporting objectives;
- testing the effectiveness of the database/claims application in determining whether the Designated or Enhanced Amounts are required;
- reviewing the reporting framework developed by the Administrator for monthly status reporting to identify any deficiencies;

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- reconciling trust account activities to confirm that the settlement funds are adequately managed and monitored for instances of fraud;
- addressing ad hoc requests from the Exceptions Committee to provide additional information and services;
- preparing reports for the Exceptions Committee, the Federal Court and the Ontario Superior Court of Justice on a predetermined frequency; and
- participating in discussions with the Administrator and scheduled status meetings with members of the Exceptions Committee.

In addition to reviewing, monitoring, and reporting on the Administrator's compliance with the Agreement, I may also provide input on any additional areas of the settlement administration process, as directed by either:

- · the Exceptions Committee; or
- the Federal Court and the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

#### Reporting

I will communicate the status of my work to the Exceptions Committee on a predetermined basis throughout the engagement or as requested by the Federal Court and the Ontario Superior Court of Justice. Upon completion of the engagement and as requested by the Exceptions Committee, I will prepare and file an affidavit with the Federal Court and the Ontario Superior Court of Justice detailing my observations and findings.

Any written reports, schedules, documents or other materials prepared or provided by me are to be used only for the purpose of managing the settlement administration and will not be disclosed, published or used, in whole or in part, by the settling parties or their counsel for any other purpose without my prior written permission.

#### Fees

I propose a three-phase approach to fees in order to reflect the broad components of the settlement administration. The phases identified and the corresponding activities anticipated based on our first discussion with the Administrator are as follows:

Phase 1 - Review of Administrator framework (40 hours)

- Review documents related to the settlement including: settlement website, application forms, class member correspondence, etc.;
- Review bilingual call centre scripts and escalation procedures to identify any areas for improvement;
- Review email templates used by the call centre to respond to email queries and ensure consistency with the Agreement;
- Review database schema, claims administration application and online portal to ensure that it satisfies the terms of the Agreement; and
- Liaise with the Administrator to identify any areas for improvement in call centre scripts, templates and other communication tools to streamline the interaction process with class members.

Phase 2 - Ongoing monitoring of Administrator duties (10 hours per week)

 Monitor opt-out management process by reviewing a statistically valid population to ensure opt-out requests are processed appropriately; Riddle et al. v Her Majesty the Queen Page 4 / 8

- Test a statistically valid sample of telephone calls received by the call centre based on data in the Administrator's Outlook system;
- Test a statistically valid sample of email messages received by the call centre based on data in the Administrator's Outlook system;
- Test the Individual Payment Application process by reviewing a statistically valid population to ensure validation requests are effectively handled;
- Monitor and test weekly payment files to ensure accuracy of calculations and payment information (whether address information in the case of a cheque mailing or banking information in the case of direct deposit);
- Addressing ad hoc requests from the Exceptions Committee to provide additional information and services;
- g. Provide ongoing status reporting to the Exceptions Committee on a predetermined basis; and
- Participate in discussions with the Administrator and scheduled status meetings with members of the Exceptions Committee.

Phase 3 - Reporting on Administrator compliance with Agreement (50 hours)

- Review the report of the Administrator to ensure adherence and consistency with the Agreement; and
- Prepare a report of the findings of the Monitor to the Federal Court and the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

Given the limited information regarding the duration of the settlement administration, the provincial and federal government validation process, and the ultimate number of reconsideration requests, the fee estimate outlined below reflects an approximation of the fees required in order to perform the activities listed herein. Subject to the above, the table below should serve to summarize my estimate of fees assuming a 52-week administration period:

Total Blended Rate Number of Fees				
Phase 1	Hours 40	per Hour	weeks m/a	13,000
Phase 2	10	325	52	169,000
Phase 3	50	325	n/a	16,250
Total				198,250

My fees will be based on the amount of professional time required at the hourly billing rates listed below, which vary depending upon the experience level of the team members involved. My invoices will also include reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, such as travel costs, and applicable taxes.

A summary of the hourly billing rates for this engagement has been provided for reference.

Director	1 400
	490
Manager	330
Consultant	250
Analyst	180

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The Defendant will be responsible for the payment of my accounts. My fees, disbursements, and applicable taxes, will be billed every 2 months. Any dispute on these accounts or the scope of my work shall be resolved between myself and the Exception Committee, or by appeal to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

The engagement will be under the direction of Eric Khan and a profile has been attached as Appendix B for reference. Eric will be supported by CA2 Inc. team members who will assist with the testing and review processes throughout the engagement.

Please accept this proposal in consideration for assuming the court appointed Monitor role in the settlement of the Sixties Scoop class action.

I appreciate the opportunity to be considered for this important settlement and invite your questions at 416-579-1889.

Yours very truly,

Eric Khan Director

CA2 Inc.

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## Appendix A: Class Action Experience

My team's multi-jurisdictional class action experience includes matters involving government, securities, financial services, medical, insurance, pensions, price fixing, and product liability claims. The following is a listing of select engagements:

#### RCMP Harassment and Discrimination Class Action Settlement

· Merlo and Davidson v. Her Majesty the Queen matter - Federal Court

#### SISIP Disability Benefit Class Action Settlement

· Manuge v. Her Majesty the Queen matter - Federal Court

#### RCMP Long Term Disability Class Action Settlement

· Buote and White v. Her Majesty the Queen matter - Federal Court

#### Residential Schools Class Action Settlement

 Sparvier v. The Attorney General of Canada matter – Queen's Bench of Saskatchewan

#### Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Class Action Settlement

 White v. The Attorney General of Canada matter - Supreme Court of British Columbia

#### HRT Breast Cancer Class Action Settlement

· Stanway v. Wyeth Canada Inc. et al. - Supreme Court of British Columbia

#### Bextra/Celebrex Class Action Settlement

 Waheed/Roblin et al. v. Pfizer Canada et al. matter – Ontario and Quebec Superior Courts

#### Medtronic Sprint Fidelis Leads Class Action Matter

· Robinson v. Medtronic et al. matter -- Ontario Superior Court of Justice

#### Moonshin Tattoo Class Action Settlement

Travassos v. Peel Region et al. matter - Ontario Superior Court of Justice

#### **Durham Health Class Action Matter**

 Rowlands v. Durham Region Health el al. matter - Ontario Superior Court of Justice

#### Excess Management Fee Class Action Settlement

· Fantl v. Transamerica Life Canada matter - Ontario Superior Court of Justice

#### Crocus Investment Fund Class Action Settlements

 Bellan v. The Government of Manitoba et al. matter – Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench

#### Guidant Pacemaker Recall Class Action Matter

Lambert and Ibbitson v. Guidant et al. matter – Ontario Superior Court of Justice

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#### Wal-Mart Privacy Breach Class Action Settlement

Drew v. Walmart Canada Inc. et al. matter – Ontario Superior Court of Justice

#### Medtronic Defibrillator Recall Class Action Matter

· Peter v. Medtronic et al. matter - Ontario Superior Court of Justice

#### Southwestern Resources Securities Class Action Settlement

 Stastny v. Southwestern Resources Corp. matter - Quebec, Ontario, and British Columbia Courts

#### Atlas Cold Storage Income Trust Securities Class Action Settlement

 Simon et al v. Eimskip Atlas Canada Inc. et al. matter – Ontario Superior Court of Justice

#### FMF Capital Securities Class Action Settlement

 Gould and Leach v. BMO Nesbitt Burns et al. matter – Ontario and Quebec Superior Courts

#### Liberty Mutual Non-OEM Auto Parts Class Action Settlement

 Hague and O'Brien v. Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. matter – Ontario Superior Court of Justice

#### Yorkton Securities Book4Golf Class Action Settlement

Toevs v. Yorkton Securities Inc. matter – Ontario Superior Court of Justice

#### Bristol-Myers, Baxter & 3M Breast Implant Settlement

· Harrington v. Dow Corning et al. matter - Supreme Court of British Columbia

#### **Dow Corning Breast Implant Settlements**

 Doyer v. Dow Corning Corp. matter - Superior Court of Quebec and Supreme Court of British Columbia

#### Canadian Vitamins Price Fixing National Settlements

 Vitapharm v. F. Hoffman-La Roche et al. matter - Quebec, Ontario, and British Columbia Courts

#### **Acupuncture Class Action Settlement**

Rose v. Pettle and Testaguzza matter- Ontario Superior Court of Justice

#### TTC Demutualization Proceeds Class Action Settlement

 Signorile et al. v. the Toronto Transit Commission – Ontario Superior Court of Justice Riddle et al. v Her Majesty the Queen Page 8 / 8

## Appendix B: Profile - Eric Khan

As the Director of CA2 Inc., Eric is routinely appointed by the Courts across Canada and the U.S. to assist with the structuring of settlements and the administration of claims processes.

Involved in more than 25 multi-jurisdictional class action proceedings, Eric's in-depth experience in monitoring and administering complex settlements represents a valuable ally to judges and litigators alike. He has had overall management responsibility for class action/claims processing engagements in a range of areas including government, securities, consumer finance, pension, insurance, medical, product liability and price fixing claims.

Conversant in both official languages, Eric has provided expert testimony to assist the Court at various stages of litigation. Having authored numerous reports to the Court, and published articles and technical papers, Eric is a frequent speaker at mass tort litigation and class action conferences.

As a member of the Law Commission of Ontario's Class Action Advisory Group, Eric provided commentary on the impact and effectiveness of potential recommendations for legislative reform of the Class Proceedings Act.