

## CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT – UPDATE OCTOBER 15, 2023

Thank you once again for trusting us to represent your pursuit of justice, via our class action lawsuit. Many of you are likely wondering where things are at, and we want to provide some clarity below.

## General

First and foremost please read the full <u>Statement of Claim</u>, and review our <u>FAQ</u> document. It is imperative, especially if you're interested in participating, that you educate yourselves as much as possible.

Feel free to drop us a <u>note</u> if you have remaining questions. We try to respond within 24 hours.

## **Legal**

Due to the need to maintain strategic advantage, I can't delve deep into detail, but will provide what I can. Some of this will cover old ground but is beneficial as a refresher.

The initial <u>Statement of Claim</u> was filed and registered with the court May 16, 2023. The signed, sealed and certified copy was received back May 24th.

June 2nd, Associate Judge <u>Michael D. Crinson</u> and Justice <u>Mandy Aylen</u> were assigned as case management Judges. These are not the trial judges, but rather judges assigned to work with counsel through the procedural lead up to a certification hearing, addressing matters like timetables, amendments, preliminary motions and the like.

June 15th we made initial contact with government counsel, and this went well. Since then we've been working through a large number of administrative and procedural matters. At all times the goal is to achieve and maintain the strategic high ground, taking into consideration the evolving judicial landscape, conversations with government counsel and research with our own experts.

Out of that productive process, we made some changes to the Statement of Claim, and an amendment was just filed.

The amendments need to be accepted and formally registered, at which point government counsel will no doubt engage with their own thoughts and demands. We will then need to respond.

Everything outlined above was expected and part of the normal process, but it is time-consuming.

I have been impressed by Umar Sheikh's availability throughout, and with his willingness to engage thoroughly with every angle brought his way. The results of that will stand us in good stead.

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