

CLOUGHLEY SEX ABUSE CLASS ACTION

THE ACTION

A lawsuit was started in the Nunavut Court of Justice on behalf of the following class of people who were:

- enrolled as students in schools operated by Nunavut or NWT between April 1, 1969 and July 30, 1981;
- exposed to Maurice Russell Cloughley (“Cloughley”) during the time Cloughley was employed by NWT as a teacher in the community where the Class Member lived; and
- sexually assaulted by Cloughley while they were in his charge, or were made to be subjects of child pornography by Cloughley, or were made to engage in sexual activities with other children by Cloughley, or some combination of these forms of exploitation.

The class period is from April 1, 1969 to July 30, 1981.

Justice Bychok of the Nunavut Court of Justice certified the action RPC1 and RPC2 v. the Commissioner of Nunavut and The Commissioner of the Northwest Territories as a class action, has appointed RPC1 and RPC2 as Representative Plaintiffs and appointed the law firms of Cooper Regel of Sherwood Park, Alberta and Morris Martin Moore of Mount Pearl, Newfoundland and Labrador as class counsel. This notice is given by order of Justice Bychok.

The lawsuit seeks compensation for class members who were subjected to sexual abuse by Maurice Cloughley while attending schools in Nunavut and the Northwest Territories. Sexual abuse may include:

- sexual contact by Cloughley or other students at Cloughley’s directions,
- inappropriate touching by Cloughley while bathing;
- being forced to participate in child pornography (naked photographs) by Cloughley.

FEES AND DISBURSEMENTS

Plaintiffs’ counsel have entered into agreements with the Representative Plaintiffs with respect to legal fees and disbursements for the trial of the common issues. This agreement provides that Plaintiffs’ counsel will not receive payment for their work unless and until the class action is successful or costs are recovered from the Defendants. This agreement must be approved by the Court.

OPTING OUT

Any person who wishes to opt out of the class action as certified must do so by sending a written notice on or before **November 2, 2020** to Cloughley Sex Abuse Class Action Administrators, 117 Queen St, P.O. Box 1000, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, L0S 1J0. Residents in Nunavut who meet the class definition and do not opt out will be bound by the Court's judgment whether favourable or not. By opting out, your name will not be made public.

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