
NOTICE OF A CLASS ACTION AGAINST THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CANADA
DISCRIMINATION UNDER THE *INDIAN ACT* (BENEFICIARIES OF BILL S-3
STATUS AMENDMENTS)

THE CASE

The Superior Court of Québec has authorized the Quebec Native Women association and Ms. Isabelle Paillé to bring a class action against the Attorney General of Canada on behalf of persons who have allegedly suffered discriminatory effects of certain registration rules in the *Indian Act*, as they were before they were amended in 2017.

The class action alleges that Canada maintained rules for registration in the Indian Register that it knew to be discriminatory on the basis of sex from 1985 on, and that it did not correct them with the 2010 amendments but only with those of 2017 (Bill S-3), following the judgment in *Descheneaux*.

The action aims to compensate the moral damages and economic harms suffered by the members of the class, as the case may be.

IMPORTANT: No amount has been awarded at this time. The allegations have not yet been proven and the Court has not yet decided if the claim is well founded.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE CLASS ACTION?

You are automatically a member of the class action if you are a part of one of the three following categories:

Category A: the grandchildren of an Indian woman who lost her status through marriage, provided that they were born before April 17, 1985 or of a marriage entered into before that date, as well as their direct descendants

Category B: women born out of wedlock to an Indian man and a non-Indian woman and their direct descendants

Category C: minors enfranchised due to the marriage of their mother to a non-Indian man before April 17, 1985 and their direct descendants

We invite you to consult the detailed description of the categories of members, reproduced in the detailed notice to class members [here](#).

REMAINING A MEMBER OR OPTING OUT OF THE CLASS ACTION

If you wish to remain in the class, you do not need to do anything. Being a member of the class will not cost you anything.

If you wish to opt-out from the class, you must fill out the attached form and send it by mail to the Registry of the Superior Court of Quebec before September 13, 2023. It is highly recommended that you also send copy of the form to the class's lawyers. Please refer to the following addresses:

Registry of the Superior Court of Quebec

1, rue Notre-Dame Est
Montréal (Québec) H2Y 1B6

DIONNE SCHULZE

507 Place d'Armes, #502
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FOR MORE INFORMATION, you may consult a more detailed version of this notice [here](#). You can subscribe to Dionne Schulze's mailing list to receive updates on the progress of this case. To do so, fill the form found on the Dionne Schulze website, [here](#).

ATTENTION: By filling the form, you are merely subscribing to the mailing list. **You are not making a claim.**

If you have questions, you can contact the law firm representing the class members:

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OPT-OUT FORM
CLASS ACTION *Quebec Native Women Inc. and Isabelle Paillé v. Attorney General Of*
Canada
(n° 500-06-001005-194)

This is **not a claim form**.

If you wish to be excluded from the class action, you must fill out this form. Completing this form will exclude you from the class and you will not receive any compensation arising from a favourable judgment or from a settlement in the class action.

OPT-OUT FORM	
First name:	
Last name:	
Address:	
City:	
Postal code:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
By signing below, I certify that I wish to opt out from class action n° 500-06-001005-194 and I understand that by opting out, I will not be bound by any of the Court's decisions in this class action and will not receive any compensation that may arise from this class action.	
Date : _____	Signature : _____

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