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(PCC Representative Counsel's Motion for Injunctive Relief) (Returnable on March 26, 2025)

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NOTICE OF MOTION

(PCC Representative Counsel's Motion for Injunctive Relief)

TAKE NOTICE that The Law Practice of Wagner & Associates, Inc. ("**PCC Representative Counsel**") will make a motion before the Honourable Chief Justice Geoffrey B. Morawetz presiding over the Commercial List on March 26, 2025, at 10:30 am (EST).

PROPOSED METHOD OF HEARING: The motion is to be heard by videoconference, detail of which shall be provided by the Monitors.

THE MOTION IS FOR an Order substantially in the form included at Tab 3 of the Motion Record:

- 1. Abridging the time for service of the Notice of Motion and Motion Record, validating service, and dispensing with further service, if necessary;
- 2. Compelling AIAG, LLC, carrying on business as Attorney Group, and its named incorporator, organizer, and registered agent, Mr. Lyle Foster, and its named principal, Mr. Anthony Johnson (collectively, "Attorney Group") to immediately remove, and maintain inaccessible the webpage https://claim.attorneygroup.com/canadian-tobacco-lawsuit/, the Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/TobaccoClaims/, and any other webpages, websites, social media posts, online advertisements, and any other public communications whatsoever relating to the Canadian Tobacco Lawsuit, the Tobacco Settlement and the claims and distribution processes under the CCAA Plans or the Pan-Canadian Claimants' Compensation Plan ("PCC Compensation Plan") (collectively, the "Attorney Group Solicitations");
- 3. Prohibiting Attorney Group from soliciting Pan-Canadian Claimants ("**PCCs**") in connection with the CCAA Plans and the PCC Compensation Plan;
- Requiring Attorney Group to provide PCC Representative Counsel a list of all persons who signed up or provided information through the Attorney Group Solicitations ("Attorney Group List");
- 5. Mandating the destruction of all copies of the Attorney Group List; and
- 6. Extending this Order to all persons or entities with knowledge or notice of it, requiring them to:
 - (a) Immediately take down and remove any solicitations of PCCs and *Blais* Class Members in connection with the CCAA Plans, the PCC Compensation Plan, the Quebec Administration Plan, or any compensation due thereunder; and
 - (b) Immediately cease and desist from soliciting PCCs and *Blais* Class Members in connection with the CCAA Plans, the PCC Compensation Plan, the Quebec Administration Plan, or any compensation due thereunder.

7. The injunctive relief sought is to remain in effect until the completion of the Claims Process under the PCC Compensation Plan, including the administration and distribution of all funds thereunder to Claimants, or until otherwise ordered by the Court.

THE GROUNDS FOR THE MOTION ARE:

Court-Approved Representation of PCCs

- 8. PCC Representative Counsel was appointed by this Court on December 9, 2019, to represent the interests of PCCs in the within CCAA Proceedings and ongoing mediation. The appointment was amended and restated on November 22, 2024, to define PCC Representative Counsel's role post-sanction and throughout the implementation of the CCAA Plans.
- 9. Since appointment, PCC Representative Counsel has engaged in extensive mediation with the Court-Appointed Mediator, Monitors, and other stakeholders on behalf of PCCs.
- The Mediator and Monitors filed CCAA Plans of Compromise and Arrangement ("CCAA Plans") on October 17, 2024, which set out a global settlement of all Tobacco Claims, including the claims of PCCs.
- 11. The PCC Compensation Plan, an integral part of the CCAA Plans, allocates \$2.52 billion to compensate individual tobacco harm victims who meet certain eligibility criteria. To ensure PCCs receive free and accurate assistance with their claims, PCC Representative Counsel retained Epiq Class Action Services Canada Inc. ("Epiq") as its Agent. Epiq's services are fully funded by the Tobacco Companies and provided to PCCs at no cost.
- 12. After receiving unanimous votes at the Creditors' Meetings in December 2024, the CCAA Plans (The Third Amended and Restated Plans, specifically) were sanctioned by this Court on March 6, 2025, including the Non-Solicitation Provision at Section 8.4, which expressly prohibits unauthorized solicitation of PCCs:

8.4 No Solicitation of Pan-Canadian Claimants

No Persons other than the PCC Representative Counsel, their agent Epiq, the Claims Administrator, or any Person specifically authorized by any of the foregoing Persons or by the CCAA Court, shall solicit Pan-Canadian Claimants in order to assist them with the preparation or submission of their PCC Claim Packages under the PCC Compensation Plan.

Attorney Group's Unauthorized Solicitation of PCCs

- 13. On March 6, 2025, PCC Representative Counsel became aware that Attorney Group was soliciting PCCs through a website and related Facebook page and advertisements (the "Attorney Group Solicitations"). Attorney Group, which was not involved in the resolution process of the CCAA Proceedings and has no authorization under the CCAA Plans, falsely promoted legal representation for the "Tobacco Settlement Canada" and improperly solicited PCCs for the purpose of entering into contingency fee agreements.
- 14. On March 7, 2025, PCC Representative Counsel sent a letter to Mr. Anthony Johnson, the principal of Attorney Group, demanding, *inter alia*, the immediate removal of the Attorney Group Solicitations. Despite this demand, the solicitations remained active past the deadline of March 10, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. EST set out in the letter.
- 15. On March 10, 2025, further investigation identified Mr. Lyle Foster as the registered agent for Attorney Group. PCC Representative Counsel sent a second demand via email to Mr. Foster, copying Mr. Johnson, reiterating the requirement to cease all unauthorized solicitations. Attempts to reach both individuals by telephone were unsuccessful.
- 16. On March 11, 2025, Mr. Johnson responded stating, "The pages have been taken down." However, the Facebook page and advertisements remained active. PCC Representative Counsel responded, reiterating the requirement to remove all remaining solicitations.
- 17. On or about March 18, 2025, the Facebook page associated with Attorney Group that was soliciting PCCs was taken down. However, the Facebook ads soliciting PCCs remained active.
- 18. On March 19, 2025, PCC Representative Counsel sent an email to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Foster reiterating the demand for the immediate removal of the remaining Facebook solicitations, along with compliance with the additional conditions previously set out in the

March 7, 2025 letter. Despite the request, the solicitations remained active past the deadline of March 19, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. EST set out in the email.

- 19. That evening, Mr. Johnson responded stating "Meta ads have been down since last email and status has not changed." However, the remaining Facebook advertisements remained in 'active' status, and his response did not acknowledge or address the additional conditions outlined in the March 7, 2025 letter.
- 20. As of March 20, 2025, the remaining unauthorized solicitations three Facebook advertisements remain "active" and therefore publicly accessible.
- 21. As of March 21, 2025, Attorney Group has not acknowledged, addressed or complied with the following, as requested by PCC Representative Counsel:
 - (a) Providing a complete list of all individuals who signed up or submitted information through the Attorney Group Solicitations, including all contact and other information collected or obtained (the "Attorney Group List");
 - (b) Permanently destroying all copies of the Attorney Group List in their possession, whether in electronic or paper form; and
 - (c) Ceasing and desisting from any further solicitation of Pan-Canadian Claimants through any medium, including websites, social media, direct outreach, or advertising, and confirming same.

Pattern of Unauthorized Solicitation of PCCs

- 22. Unauthorized solicitations of PCCs are not isolated to Attorney Group. This Court has previously granted injunctive relief in similar circumstances.
- 23. On December 10, 2024, Chief Justice Morawetz issued an injunction against Actis Law Group and its principal, Ms. Andrea Grass, for publishing a website purporting to offer representation to tobacco victims. The Court's Endorsement in that case set an important precedent for restraining unauthorized solicitation of PCCs, which is now strengthened by the sanctioning of the CCAA Plans, including the Non-Solicitation Provision.

- 24. More recently, other third parties have also attempted to mislead PCCs by operating websites with domain names closely resembling the official claims website, falsely suggesting that legal representation is necessary, and misrepresenting eligibility criteria. One such entity operating out of Tampa was identified, issued a cease-and-desist demand by PCC Representative Counsel, and ultimately complied by removing its website on March 7, 2025.
- 25. This pattern of misconduct demonstrates a foreseeable risk that additional third parties will engage in similar solicitation of PCCs and/or *Blais* Class Members, particularly as formal notice of the PCC Compensation Plan and Quebec Administration Plan is disseminated, and the Claims Processes begin. The significant individual compensation amounts available under the PCC Compensation Plan and the Quebec Administration Plan makes PCCs and *Blais* Class Members targets for law firms and service providers seeking contingency fees for unnecessary representation.

Injunctive Relief is Necessary

- 26. An injunction against Attorney Group is warranted for the same reasons that this Court granted injunctive relief against Actis Law Group. Like Actis, Attorney Group has engaged in unauthorized and misleading solicitations of PCCs, falsely representing that legal representation is necessary to navigate the PCC Compensation Plan. Attorney Group's solicitations not only risk creating confusion among PCCs and providing them erroneous information about the Claims Process, but also risk claimants unnecessarily entering into contingency fee agreements for services that are already provided free of charge by Epiq.
- 27. In addition to the concerns present in Actis, injunctive relief is now further justified to enforce the express Non-Solicitation Provision in Section 8.4 of the CCAA Plans. This provision, is part of the CCAA Plans sanctioned on March 6, 2025, and explicitly prohibits any entity other than PCC Representative Counsel, Epiq, the Claims Administrator, or a Court-authorized party from soliciting PCCs. Attorney Group's actions are a direct contravention of this provision.

- 28. Without broad and enforceable injunctive relief, PCC Representative Counsel anticipates a proliferation of unauthorized solicitations, requiring repeated enforcement efforts and recourse to this Court.
- 29. Accordingly, PCC Representative Counsel now seeks an injunction against Attorney Group, as well as relief to deter and stop future unauthorized solicitations, ensuring compliance with the CCAA Plans, the Non-Solicitation Provision, and protecting PCCs and *Blais* Class Members from misleading information and incurring unnecessary legal fees.

Additional Grounds for the Motion

- 30. The previous Orders granted in the CCAA Proceedings;
- 31. The *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, RSC 1985, c C-36 and the inherent and equitable jurisdiction of the Court;
- 32. The Ontario Rules of Civil Procedure, R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 194, as amended;
- 33. Such further and other grounds as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may permit.

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE will be used at the hearing of the Motion:

34. The Affidavit of Kate Boyle affirmed March 21, 2025, including Exhibits "A" through "P" thereto.

March 21, 2025

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AFFIDAVIT OF KATE BOYLE

I, Kate Boyle, of the city of Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia, AFFIRM AND SAY:

- 1. I am a Partner at The Law Practice of Wagner & Associates, Inc. ("Wagners").
- On December 9, 2019, Wagners was appointed by the Honourable Justice McEwen to represent the Pan-Canadian Claimants ("PCCs") in the context of the present proceedings ("CCAA Proceedings") under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, RSC 1985, c C-36, as amended ("CCAA") before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) in Toronto ("CCAA Court").
- 3. Since December 9, 2019, PCC Representative Counsel has been representing the interests of the PCCs in the context of the CCAA Proceedings. As such, I have knowledge of the matters to which I hereinafter depose. Where I make statements about information that is not within my personal knowledge, I have stated the source of that information and believe it to be true.

- 4. Unless otherwise defined herein, all defined terms used in this affidavit have the meanings ascribed to them in the Third Amended and Restated Plans of Compromise and Arrangement dated February 27, 2025, in respect of each of the Applicants in these CCAA Proceedings (collectively, the "CCAA Plans").
- I affirm this affidavit in support of PCC Representative Counsel's Motion for Injunctive Relief before the Honourable Chief Justice Geoffrey B. Morawetz presiding over the Commercial List on March 26, 2025, at 10:30 am EST, and for no other or improper purpose.

PCC REPRESENTATIVE COUNSEL APPOINTMENT AND MANDATE

- On December 9, 2019, Wagners was appointed by the CCAA Court to represent the PCCs (referred to as the "TRW Claimants" in that Order) in the CCAA Proceedings ("PCC Representative Counsel Orders"). Attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A" are true copies of the PCC Representative Counsel Orders in respect of the three Applicants dated December 9, 2019.
- 7. On November 22, 2024, the PCC Representative Counsel Orders were amended and restated by the Honourable Chief Justice Morawetz ("Amended and Restated PCC Representative Counsel Orders"). Attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "B" are true copies of the Amended and Restated PCC Representative Counsel Orders in respect of the three Applicants dated November 22, 2024.

RELEVANT PROCEDURAL HISTORY OF THE CCAA PROCEEDINGS AND KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- 8. Since our appointment on December 9, 2019, PCC Representative Counsel has represented the interests of PCCs in the CCAA Proceedings.
- For over five years, PCC Representative Counsel has participated in thousands of hours of mediation with the Court-Appointed Mediator, Monitors and other Claimants and stakeholders during an extensive and complex mediation process.
- 10. On October 17, 2024, the Court-Appointed Mediator and Monitors filed the initial CCAA Plans. The CCAA Plans propose a global settlement of all Affected Claims against the

Applicants, including the claims of the PCCs and the claims of the *Blais* Class Members, as set out in the CCAA Plans.

- 11. On December 5, 2024, the Court-Appointed Mediator and Monitors filed the First Amended and Restated CCAA Plans in respect of the Applicants.
- 12. On December 9, 2024, the Honourable Chief Justice Morawetz heard parallel motions brought by PCC Representative Counsel and Quebec Class Counsel seeking an interlocutory injunction against Actis Law Group and its principal, Ms. Andrea Grass, who had published a website purporting to offer representation to Tobacco Victims in the Canadian Tobacco Class Action Settlement ("Actis Injunction Motion").
- 13. On December 10, 2024, Chief Justice Morawetz issued an Endorsement arising from the Actis Injunction Motion, outlining his reasons for granting injunctive relief. Related Orders were also issued on that date. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit "C"** is a true copy of the Interlocutory Injunction Order from the Actis Injunction Motion, which was issued and entered in each of the Applicants' proceedings.
- 14. I am informed by Counsel for the Monitors, and verily believe, that on December 12, 2024, the Affected Creditors, voting in person or by proxy, voted unanimously in favour of the CCAA Plans in respect of each of the Applicants.
- 15. On January 27, 2025, the Court-Appointed Mediator and Monitors filed the Second Amended and Restated CCAA Plans in respect of the Applicants. The Second Amended and Restated CCAA Plans introduced a provision expressly prohibiting the solicitation of PCCs under Section 8.4 ("Non-Solicitation Provision"):

8.4 No Solicitation of Pan-Canadian Claimants

No Persons other than the PCC Representative Counsel, their agent Epiq, the Claims Administrator, or any Person specifically authorized by any of the foregoing Persons or by the CCAA Court, shall solicit Pan-Canadian Claimants in order to assist them with the preparation or submission of their PCC Claim Packages under the PCC Compensation Plan.

The Second Amended and Restated CCAA Plans also introduced an analogous provision expressly prohibiting the solicitation of *Blais* Class Members under Section 7.6.

- 16. On January 29 to 31, 2025, the CCAA Court presided over the motions seeking, *inter alia*, Sanction Orders and CCAA Plan Administrator Appointment Orders for each of the Applicants. The CCAA Court held its decision in reserve.
- On February 27, 2025, the Court-Appointed Mediator and Monitors filed the Third Amended and Restated CCAA Plans in respect of the Applicants, which continue to contain the Non-Solicitation Provision.
- 18. By Order dated March 3, 2025, the Honourable Chief Justice Morawetz approved the amendment to the Second Amended and Restated CCAA Plans.
- On March 6, 2025, Chief Justice Morawetz issued his Endorsement, sanctioning the CCAA Plans. The Sanction Orders, dated March 6, 2025, were circulated to the Common Service List on March 20, 2025.

COMPENSATION FOR PCCS UNDER THE CCAA PLANS

- 20. The CCAA Plans allocate \$2.521 billion to the PCC Compensation Plan and \$1 billion to the Cy-Près Fund in settlement of the PCC Claims.
- 21. Under the CCAA Plans, the amounts allocated to PCCs suffering from certain tobaccorelated diseases ("**PCC Compensable Diseases**") will be distributed in accordance with the PCC Compensation Plan.
- 22. The PCC Compensation Plan was designed to be claimant-friendly, paper-based and straightforward for PCC-Claimants to complete the Claim Form and submit the Claim Package for consideration and approval by the Claims Administrator.
- 23. Under the PCC Compensation Plan, a PCC-Claimant's diagnosis of a PCC Compensable Disease – Lung Cancer, Throat Cancer, or Emphysema/COPD (GOLD Grade III or IV) – must be confirmed through one of the following medical documents:

- (b) For Emphysema/COPD (GOLD Grade III or IV) diagnosis: a spirometry test report from between March 8, 2015, and March 8, 2019 (inclusive) showing a nonreversible FEV1 of less than 50% of the predicted value;
- (c) if the PCC-Claimant is unable to submit a copy of a pathology report or a spirometry report, then other documents are acceptable, including:
 - i. A copy of an extract from a medical file;
 - ii. A completed Physician Form (attached as Appendix "E" to the PCC Compensation Plan); or
 - iii. A written statement from a Physician of the PCC-Claimant, or another physician having access to the medical record, confirming the diagnosis with one of the PCC Compensable Diseases, along with proof from the medical file.
- 24. For claims submitted by a Legal Representative (e.g. Power of Attorney or Estate Representative), a separate Claim Form includes a checklist of required documents to verify the Legal Representative's authority to act on behalf of the PCC Claimant or estate, tailored to the jurisdiction of the PCC Claimant.

AGENT TO PCC REPRESENTATIVE COUNSEL FOR ASSISTING PCCS

25. Under the CCAA Plans (Section 1.1, Definitions), the Claims Administrator, Epiq Class Action Services Canada Inc. ("**Epiq**"), will (i) manage the overall administration of the individual claims process and perform all other duties and responsibilities assigned to it in regard to the PCC Compensation Plan, including acting as agent for the PCCs, and (ii) manage the overall administration of the individual claims process and perform all other duties and responsibilities and responsibilities assigned to it in regard to the Quebec Administration Plan.

- 26. Given the anticipated number of PCC-Claimants who will be eventually filing claims under the PCC Compensation Plan, on or about September 13, 2024, PCC Representative Counsel retained Epiq as Agent for the PCCs within the CCAA Proceedings to assist PCC-Claimants throughout the Claims Process. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit "D"** is a true copy of the September 13, 2024 retention letter authored by PCC Representative Counsel.
- 27. Since that date, Epiq has been acting as Agent for the PCCs. Epiq's responsibilities as Agent include:
 - (a) operating a bilingual call centre, official website and registration portal for claimants (<u>www.TobaccoClaimsCanada.ca</u>);
 - (b) assisting PCC-Claimants or their Legal Representatives in preparing Claim Packages, including assisting with obtaining medical records and providing commissioner of oaths services;
 - (c) providing support to PCC-Claimants before and throughout the Claims Process; and
 - (d) reporting to PCC Representative Counsel, the Mediator, and the Monitors.
- 28. Epiq as the Agent for PCC Representative Counsel will provide claimants with support throughout the Claims Process, free-of-charge to claimants. This is intended to reduce the need for third-party legal assistance and involvement of "form filler" lawyers, thereby maximizing the funds each approved PCC-Claimant will receive.
- 29. Under the CCAA Plans, all fees, costs, disbursements, and expenses incurred by PCC Representative Counsel throughout the Claims Process, including the services of advisors or agents like Epiq, will be paid directly by the Tobacco Companies. These costs will not be deducted from the PCC Compensation Plan Amount, and PCC Claimants will not be charged for any services of the Agent.
- 30. On October 17, 2024, Epiq launched a website in English and French (www.TobaccoClaimsCanada.ca) providing information about the PCC Compensation Plan and allowing PCCs or anyone interested to register for updates. Those who register will

receive important updates regarding the CCAA Proceedings, including when it's time to complete and submit a claim for compensation.

- 31. The website currently answers Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), which are intended to provide accurate information to PCCs about the PCC Compensation Plan, eligibility requirements, how to eventually submit a claim for compensation and what documents will be required.
- 32. On October 18, 2024, Epiq also launched its call centre, which helps PCCs in English or French. PCCs or any individual with questions may contact Epiq at a toll-free number or by email, free of charge.
- 33. I am informed by Sarah-Jade Pauley, Senior Settlement Project Manager at Epiq, and verily believe that as of March 19, 2025, Epiq has received a total of 9,358 registrations from individuals who have signed up to receive updates regarding the CCAA Proceedings. This number does not take into account the 14,949 contacts Epiq received from Proactio the agent for the Quebec Administration Plan on Friday February 28, 2025, who are currently being imported into Epiq's system.
- 34. Thus, even before dissemination of any court-approved notice regarding the PCC Compensation Plan, over 24,000 individuals seek to be updated regarding the PCC Compensation Plan Claims Process.
- 35. I anticipate that claimants will seek out information, and that there will be significantly increased contact to Epiq, upon dissemination of the First Notice and implementation of the notice plan.

THE ATTORNEY GROUP SOLICITATIONS

Misleading and Unauthorized Solicitation by Attorney Group

36. On the evening of March 6, 2025, I was informed by email from Mr. Raymond Wagner, K.C., about the existence of a website purporting to provide representation for the "Canadian Tobacco Lawsuit" at the URL <u>https://claim.attorneygroup.com/canadian-tobacco-lawsuit/</u> ("**Attorney Group Website**"). Attached hereto as **Exhibit "E"** are screenshots from the Attorney Group Website accessed by me on March 6 and 10, 2025.

- 37. I later determined via internet search that the Attorney Group Website is hosted by AIAG, LLC, carrying on business as Attorney Group, and its named principal, Mr. Anthony Johnson, and named incorporator, organizer and registered agent, Mr. Lyle Foster (collectively, "Attorney Group").
- I am informed by Dayna MacGillivray, paralegal at Wasgners, and verily believe that 38. through further investigation, on or about March 7, 2025, Ms. MacGillivray uncovered online advertisements endorsed by Attorney Group through Meta's ad library, which includes all advertisements currently running across Meta technologies like Facebook. These advertisements found through Meta's ad library are hosted by Attorney Group and solicit PCCs. I am informed by Ms. MacGillivray and verily believe that she also came across the "Tobacco Facebook titled Claims" the following link: page at https://www.facebook.com/TobaccoClaims/, also hosted by Attorney Group. As of March 7, 2025, the Facebook page had 317 followers. Attached hereto as Exhibit "F" are further screenshots of the Facebook advertisements accessed through Meta's ad library and "Tobacco Claims" homepage, accessed on March 10, 2025 (collectively, the Attorney Group Website and the Facebook page and advertisements are referenced herein as the "Attorney Group Solicitations").
- 39. On March 10, 2025, I accessed the Terms of Use on the Attorney Group Website. The Terms of Use include disclaimers stating that its content may not reflect current legal developments, that it does not promise or guarantee confidentiality for communications sent via email or through the website, and that the company does not undertake to update material on the website to reflect subsequent legal or other developments. Attached hereto as Exhibit "G" are screenshots from the Terms of Use on the Attorney Group Website, accessed on March 10, 2025.
- 40. The Terms of Use on the Attorney Group Website also confirm that while initial consultations are free, personal injury matters are handled on a contingency fee basis. Which

would require PCC-Claimants to enter a financial arrangement by engaging with Attorney Group.

41. I am concerned that the above solicitations will result in PCCs unnecessarily entering into contingency fee agreements with Attorney Group. These agreements would reduce the compensation available to PCCs by requiring them to pay legal fees for services that are redundant and already provided by Epiq free of charge.

Request to Cease and Desist from Unauthorized Solicitation of PCCs

- 42. On March 7, 2025, I was copied on an email from Ms. MacGillivray, in which she sent a letter from Mr. Raymond Wagner, K.C., to Mr. Anthony Johnson, the named principal for Attorney Group and owner of Johnson Firm. The letter provided Mr. Johnson with a deadline of 12:00 pm EST on March 10, 2025, to remove the Attorney Group Solicitations, along with meeting other specified conditions. The letter was sent to the email address posted on the website <u>https://yourattorney.com</u> ("Johnson Firm Website"). A copy of the March 7, 2025 letter, with enclosures omitted, is attached as **Exhibit "H"**.
- 43. On March 10, 2025, after the 12:00 p.m. EST deadline had passed, I determined that the Attorney Group Solicitations remained active.
- 44. I am informed by Ms. MacGillivray and verily believe that on March 10, 2025, she further investigated Attorney Group on the Arkansas Secretary of State's website. This search produced information indicating that Mr. Lyle D. Foster, of the law firm Hyden, Miron & Foster, PLLC, was the registered agent for Attorney Group. Mr. Foster's direct contact information was obtained from the website of Hyden, Miron & Foster, PLLC (the "Foster Website"). Attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "I" are the details retrieved from the Arkansas Secretary of State's website, accessed by Ms. MacGillivray on March 10, 2025.
- 45. That same day, I sent an email to Mr. Foster, copying his assistant as well as Mr. Johnson. This email included the same enclosures that had been sent to Mr. Johnson on March 7, 2025, and requested that Mr. Foster take immediate action to comply with the conditions outlined in the March 7, 2025 letter. Attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "J" is the March 10, 2025 email I sent to Mr. Foster, with attachments omitted.

- 46. As the Attorney Group Solicitations had not been taken down, on March 10, 2025, I attempted to call Mr. Johnson at the phone number listed on the Johnson Firm Website. There was no answer, so I left a voicemail identifying myself and requesting the immediate removal of the Attorney Group Solicitations.
- 47. That same date, I also attempted to call Mr. Foster at the number provided on the Foster Website. There was no answer, so I left a voicemail identifying myself and requesting the immediate removal of the Attorney Group Solicitations.
- 48. On March 11, 2025, I received an email from Mr. Johnson stating: "The pages have been taken down." The email chain reveals that Mr. Foster had forwarded my March 10, 2025 email to Mr. Johnson, and stated: "We will take no action unless directed otherwise." Attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "K" is the March 11, 2025 email I received from Mr. Johnson.
- 49. That same day, I confirmed that the Attorney Group Website had been taken down.
- 50. On March 11, 2025, I responded to Mr. Johnson's email reiterating, *inter alia*, that all other Attorney Group Solicitations must also be removed. Mr. Foster was copied on this email. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit "L"** is the March 11, 2025 email I sent to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Foster.
- 51. I am informed by Ms. MacGillivray and verily believe that on March 18, 2025, the Facebook page "Tobacco Claims" located at <u>https://www.facebook.com/TobaccoClaims/</u> along with some of the associated online advertisements sponsored by Attorney Group had been taken down.
- 52. On March 19, 2025, I sent an email to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Foster requesting the immediate removal of the remaining Attorney Group Solicitations, which consist of three "active" Facebook advertisements. The email provided a deadline of 1:30 pm EST on March 19, 2025, to remove the remaining Attorney Group Solicitations, along with meeting other specified conditions. Attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "M" is the March 19, 2025 email I sent to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Foster.

- 53. On March 19, 2025, after the 1:30 p.m. EST deadline had passed, I determined the remaining Attorney Group Solicitations remained active.
- 54. On the evening of March 19, 2025, I received an email from Mr. Johnson, copying Mr. Foster, stating "Meta ads have been down since last email and status has not changed." Attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "N" is the March 19, 2025 email I received from Mr. Johnson and Mr. Foster.
- 55. I am informed by Ms. MacGillivray and verily believe that as of March 20, 2025, the remaining Attorney Group Solicitations consisting of three Facebook advertisements remained in "active" status on the Meta ad library.
- 56. On March 20, 2025, I responded to Mr. Johnson's email, copying Mr. Foster, informing him that Attorney Group's sponsored Meta ads have not been removed and remain "active". Attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "O" is the March 20, 2025 email I sent to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Foster.

OTHER UNAUTHORIZED SOLICITATIONS OF PCCs

- 57. The unauthorized solicitation of PCCs by unauthorized third parties is not an isolated occurrence. In addition to the Attorney Group, PCC Representative Counsel has become aware of similar infringing activity by other entities.
- 58. For instance, on March 3, 2025, I was informed by Rob Cunningham, Senior Policy Analyst at the Canadian Cancer Society, of a website purporting to offer legal representation for the "Tobacco Settlement Canada" at <u>www.TobaccoClaims.ca</u> ("Shine Website") (an almost identical URL to the official Agent's website: <u>www.TobaccoClaimsCanada.ca</u>).
- 59. The Shine Website falsely suggested that it provided experienced legal representation for PCCs in connection with the PCC Compensation Plan, misleading claimants regarding eligibility requirements and the necessity of retaining paid legal services.
- Following an internet search, it was determined that Shine Legal was operated by BTC TCB, LLC, carrying on business as Shine Legal Network, and its principal, Mr. Brian Cheaney, out of Tampa, Florida.

- 61. On March 4, 2025, PCC Representative Counsel sent a letter by email to Mr. Brian Cheaney, the Registered Agent for Shine Legal Network, demanding the immediate removal of the Shine Website and associated solicitations. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit "P"** is a copy of the March 4, 2025 letter to Mr. Cheaney.
- 62. Not having received a response, on March 5, 2025, PCC Representative Counsel had the letter sent via courier to Mr. Cheaney in Tampa, Florida, and received confirmation that date that the letter had been delivered and signed for by Mr. Cheaney.
- 63. On March 7, 2025, Mr. Cheaney confirmed compliance by email with the demands in the March 4, 2025 letter and confirmed that the infringing website had been taken down. Attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "Q" is a copy of the email received by Mr. Cheaney.
- 64. The existence of multiple unauthorized solicitations, including those by Actis, Shine Legal and Attorney Group, suggests that additional third parties will likely attempt to solicit PCCs. Given the compensation amounts under the PCC Compensation Plan, I believe there is a real and foreseeable risk of further misleading solicitations of PCCs, which will likely increase as formal notice of the PCC Compensation Plan is disseminated and the Claims Process begins. I believe this also to be true in relation to the solicitation of *Blais* Class Members in relation to the Quebec Administration Plan.

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Serious and Irreparable Harm to PCCs and the Claims Process

- 65. I am concerned that the existence and continued operation of the Attorney Group Solicitations, and the advent of other unauthorized solicitations, will:
 - (a) Mislead PCCs into signing unnecessary contingency fee agreements, causing irreparable financial harm that cannot be undone, ultimately reducing their compensation;
 - (b) Deprive PCCs of accurate, official information by directing them away from the official PCC Compensation Plan website;

- (c) Create confusion about eligibility and important dates and deadlines under the PCC Compensation Plan;
- (d) Create general confusion about the Claims Processes under the PCC CompensationPlan as well as the Quebec Administration Plan; and
- (e) Interfere with the administration of the PCC Compensation Plan, which is designed to ensure a fair, transparent, and cost-free process for claimants.

UNDERTAKING

- 66. I am aware that, pursuant to Rule 40.03 of the Ontario Rules of Civil Procedure, the moving party on a motion for an interlocutory injunction or mandatory order is required to undertake to abide by any order concerning damages that the court may make if it is ultimately determined that the granting of the order caused damage to the responding party for which the moving party ought to compensate the responding party.
- 67. I respectfully request that this requirement be dispensed with in this matter. The nature of the relief sought in this motion does not give rise to a realistic risk of damages to the responding party, and it would be unnecessary to impose such an undertaking in the circumstances.

AFFIRMED BEFORE ME at the City of Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia on the 21 st day of March, 2025.)))	
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A Notary Public in and for the Province/ Sauris of Nova Scotia)	Kate Boyle
PETER C. M, CVEY, K.C.		

A Barrister of the Supreme Court of Neva Sestia This is Exhibit "A" referred to in the Affidavit of Kate Boyle affirmed before me on the 21st day of March, 2025.

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PETER C. M,cVEY, K.C. A Barrister of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia

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FRIDAY, THE 6TH

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MCEWEN

DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985 c. C-36, AS AMENDED

AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF IMPERIAL TOBACCO CANADA LIMITED AND IMPERIAL TOBACCO COMPANY LIMITED

Applicant

ORDER (APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE COUNSEL)

THIS JOINT MOTION made by the Tobacco Monitors being FTI Consulting Canada Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed Monitor (the "Imperial Monitor") of Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited and Imperial Tobacco Company Limited (collectively, "Imperial"), Ernst & Young Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed Monitor of Rothmans, Benson & Hedges Inc. ("RBH") and Deloitte Restructuring Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed Monitor of JTI-Macdonald Corp. ("JTIM" and together with Imperial and RBH, the "Applicants") for advice and directions regarding an order appointing representative counsel in these proceedings was heard this day at 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario,

ON READING the Joint Notice of Motion of the Tobacco Monitors dated November 25, 2019 including the Sixth Report to Court of the Imperial Monitor dated November 26, 2019 (the "Sixth Report") filed, and on hearing the submissions of counsel for each of the Tobacco Monitors, the Applicants and such other counsel as were present, no one else appearing although duly served as appears from the affidavits of service of Monique Sassi sworn



November 25 and November 26, 2019 and the affidavit of service of Robert Nicholls sworn November 27, 2019.

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the timing and method of service and filing of this motion is hereby abridged and validated such that the motion is properly returnable today and this Court hereby dispenses with further service of this motion and of this Order.

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Order shall have the meaning given to them in the Sixth Report.

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that The Law Practice of Wagner & Associates, Inc. (the "**Representative Counsel**") be and is hereby appointed to represent in these proceedings the TRW Claimants as defined in Schedule "A" hereto, which definition may be amended following consultation among the Court-Appointed Mediator, the Tobacco Monitors and Representative Counsel and as approved by further order of this Court.

4. THIS COURT ORDERS that, subject to further order of this Court, Representative Counsel shall represent the interests of the TRW Claimants as set out in paragraph 5 below without any obligation to consult with or seek individual instructions from those on whose behalf they have been appointed to represent, provided however, that Representative Counsel is hereby authorized, but not obligated, to establish a committee (the "Representative Committee") on such terms as may be agreed to by the Court-Appointed Mediator and the Tobacco Monitors or established by further order of this Court.

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For greater certainty, nothing in this Order shall be construed as determining the validity of any claims of any TRW Claimants.

6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that Representative Counsel be and is hereby authorized, at its discretion, on such terms as may be consented to by the Court-Appointed Mediator and the Tobacco Monitors or further order of this Court to retain and consult with subject area experts and other professional and financial advisors as the Representative Counsel may consider necessary to assist it with the discharge of its mandate.

7. THIS COURT ORDERS that paragraphs 36 and 38 of the Second Amended and Restated Initial Order are hereby amended and are deemed from and after the date hereof to include Representative Counsel as appointed herein among the parties who shall be paid their reasonable professional fees and disbursements in each case on an hourly basis, from and after the date of this Order and among those who benefit from the Administration Charge as defined therein and shall be paid by the Applicants in accordance with an agreement among the Applicants.

8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that Representative Counsel shall not be liable for any act or omission in respect of their appointment or the fulfillment of their duties in carrying out the provisions of this Order, other than for gross negligence or willful misconduct. No action or

other proceedings shall be commenced against Representative Counsel in respect of alleged gross negligence or willful misconduct, except with prior leave of this Court on at least 7 days' notice to Representative Counsel and upon such further order as this Court may make in respect of security for costs to be given by the plaintiff for the costs of the Representative Counsel in connection with any such action or proceeding.

9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Representative Counsel may from time to time apply to this Court for advice and directions in respect of their appointment or the fulfillment of their duties in carrying out the provisions of this Order, upon notice to the Applicants and the Tobacco Monitors and to other interested parties, unless otherwise ordered by this Court.

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(C) Kenneth Knight v. Imperial Tobacco, Court File No. L031300 (Vancouver, British Columbia).

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"Tobacco Products" means any product made in whole or in part of tobacco that is intended for human consumption or use, including any component, part, or accessory of or used in connection with a tobacco product, including cigarettes, tobacco sticks (intended for smoking and requiring further preparation before they are smoked), loose tobacco intended for incorporation into cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipe tobacco, kreteks, bidis and smokeless tobacco (including chewing tobacco, nasal snuff and oral snuff), but does not include Vapour Products.

"Vapour Products" means:

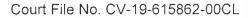
- a device that produces emissions in the form of an aerosol and is intended to be brought to the mouth for inhalation of the aerosol without burning of (i) a substance or (ii) a mixture of substances;
- (ii) a part or accessory that may be used with those devices; and
- (iii) a substance or mixture of substances, whether or not it contains tobacco or nicotine, that is intended for use with or without those devices to produce emissions in the form of an aerosol without burning.

IN THE MATTER OF *THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT*, R.S.C.1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF IMPERIAL TOBACCO CANADA LIMITED AND IMPERIAL TOBACCO COMPANY LIMITED

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AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF JTI-MACDONALD CORP.

Applicant

ORDER (APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE COUNSEL)

THIS JOINT MOTION made by the "Tobacco Monitors", being Deloitte Restructuring Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed Monitor (the "JTIM Monitor") of JTI-Macdonald Corp. ("JTIM"), Ernst & Young Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed Monitor of Rothmans, Benson & Hedges Inc. ("RBH") and FTI Consulting Canada Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed Monitor of Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited and Imperial Tobacco Company Limited (collectively, the "ITL Applicants" and together with JTIM and RBH, the "Applicants") for advice and directions regarding an order appointing representative counsel in these proceedings was heard this day at 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario,

ON READING the Joint Notice of Motion of the Tobacco Monitors dated November 25, 2019 including the Sixth Report of the JTIM Monitor dated November 26, 2019 (the "**Sixth Report**") filed, and on hearing the submissions of counsel for each of the Tobacco Monitors, the Applicants and such other counsel as were present, no one else appearing although duly served

as appears from the affidavits of service of Monique Sassi sworn November 25 and 26, 2019 and the affidavit of service of Melissa Feriozzo sworn December 2, 2019.

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the timing and method of service and filing of this motion is hereby abridged and validated such that the motion is properly returnable today and this Court hereby dispenses with further service of this motion and of this Order.

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Order shall have the meaning given to them in the Sixth Report.

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4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, subject to further order of this Court, Representative Counsel shall represent the interests of the TRW Claimants as set out in paragraph 5 below without any obligation to consult with or seek individual instructions from those on whose behalf they have been appointed to represent, provided however, that Representative Counsel is hereby authorized, but not obligated, to establish a committee (the "**Representative Committee**") on such terms as may be agreed to by the Court-Appointed Mediator and the Tobacco Monitors or established by further order of this Court.

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7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that paragraphs 38 and 40 of the JTIM Initial Order are hereby amended and are deemed from and after the date hereof to include Representative Counsel as appointed herein among the parties who shall be paid their reasonable professional fees and disbursements in each case on an hourly basis, from and after the date of this Order and among those who benefit from the Administration Charge as defined therein and shall be paid by the Applicants in accordance with an agreement among the Applicants.

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Schedule "A"

Definition of TRW Claimants

"**TRW Claimants**" means all individuals (including their respective successors, heirs, assigns, litigation guardians and designated representatives under applicable provincial family law legislation) who assert or may be entitled to assert a claim or cause of action as against one or more of the Applicants, the ITCAN subsidiaries, the BAT Group, the JTIM Group or the PMI Group, each as defined below, or persons indemnified by such entities, in respect of:

- the development, manufacture, importation, production, marketing, advertising, distribution, purchase or sale of Tobacco Products (defined below),
- (ii) the historical or ongoing use of or exposure to Tobacco Products; or
- (iii) any representation in respect of Tobacco Products,

in Canada or in the case of the Applicants, anywhere else in the world, including, without limitation, claims for contribution or indemnity, personal injury or tort damages, restitutionary recovery, non-pecuniary damages or claims for recovery grounded in provincial consumer protection legislation but specifically excluding claims:

- (i) in any person's capacity as a trade supplier, contract counterparty, employee, pensioner, or retiree;
- (ii) captured by any of the following commercial class actions:
 - (A) The Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board v. JTI-Macdonald Corp., Court File No. 64462 CP (London, Ontario);
 - (B) The Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board v. Rothmans, Benson & Hedges Inc., Court File No. 1056/10CP (London, Ontario);
 - (C) The Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board v. Imperial Tobacco Canada Ltd., Court File No. 64757 CP (London, Ontario);
- (iii) captured by any of the following class actions:
 - (A) Conseil québécois sur le tabac et la santé et al. v. JTI-Macdonald Corp. et al., Court File No. 500-06-000076-980 (Montreal, Quebec);
 - (B) Cécilia Létourneau et al. v. Imperial Tobacco Canada Ltd., et al., Court File No. 500-06-000070-983 (Montreal, Quebec);
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- a device that produces emissions in the form of an aerosol and is intended to be brought to the mouth for inhalation of the aerosol without burning of (i) a substance or (ii) a mixture of substances;
- (ii) a part or accessory that may be used with those devices; and
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ON READING the Joint Notice of Motion of the Tobacco Monitors dated November 25, 2019 including the Fourth Report to Court of the RBH Monitor dated November 26, 2019 (the **"Fourth Report**") filed, and on hearing the submissions of counsel for each of the Tobacco Monitors, the Applicants and such other counsel as were present, no one else appearing although

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notice to Representative Counsel and upon such further order as this Court may make in respect of security for costs to be given by the plaintiff for the costs of the Representative Counsel in connection with any such action or proceeding.

9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Representative Counsel may from time to time apply to this Court for advice and directions in respect of their appointment or the fulfillment of their duties in carrying out the provisions of this Order, upon notice to the Applicants and the Tobacco Monitors and to other interested parties, unless otherwise ordered by this Court.

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Schedule "A"

Definition of TRW Claimants

"**TRW Claimants**" means all individuals (including their respective successors, heirs, assigns, litigation guardians and designated representatives under applicable provincial family law legislation) who assert or may be entitled to assert a claim or cause of action as against one or more of the Applicants, the ITCAN subsidiaries, the BAT Group, the JTIM Group or the PMI Group, each as defined below, or persons indemnified by such entities, in respect of:

- the development, manufacture, importation, production, marketing, advertising, distribution, purchase or sale of Tobacco Products (defined below),
- (ii) the historical or ongoing use of or exposure to Tobacco Products; or
- (iii) any representation in respect of Tobacco Products,

in Canada or in the case of the Applicants, anywhere else in the world, including, without limitation, claims for contribution or indemnity, personal injury or tort damages, restitutionary recovery, non-pecuniary damages or claims for recovery grounded in provincial consumer protection legislation but specifically excluding claims:

- (i) in any person's capacity as a trade supplier, contract counterparty, employee, pensioner, or retiree;
- (ii) captured by any of the following commercial class actions:
 - (A) The Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board v. JTI-Macdonald Corp., Court File No. 64462 CP (London, Ontario);
 - (B) The Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board v. Rothmans, Benson & Hedges Inc., Court File No. 1056/10CP (London, Ontario);
 - (C) The Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board v. Imperial Tobacco Canada Ltd., Court File No. 64757 CP (London, Ontario);
- (iii) captured by any of the following class actions:
 - (A) Conseil québécois sur le tabac et la santé et al. v. JTI-Macdonald Corp. et al., Court File No. 500-06-000076-980 (Montreal, Quebec);
 - (B) Cécilia Létourneau et al. v. Imperial Tobacco Canada Ltd., et al., Court File No. 500-06-000070-983 (Montreal, Quebec);

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(C) *Kenneth Knight v. Imperial Tobacco*, Court File No. L031300 (Vancouver, British Columbia).

"**BAT Group**" means, collectively, British American Tobacco p.l.c., B.A.T. International Finance p.l.c., B.A.T Industries p.l.c., British American Tobacco (Investments) Limited, Carreras Rothmans Limited or entities related to or affiliated with them other than the ITL Applicants and the ITCAN Subsidiaries.

"ITCAN Subsidiaries" means Imperial Tobacco Services Inc., Imperial Tobacco Products Limited, Marlboro Canada Limited, Cameo Inc., Medallion Inc., Allan Ramsay and Company Limited, John Player & Sons Ltd., Imperial Brands Ltd., 2004969 Ontario Inc., Construction Romir Inc., Genstar Corporation, Imasco Holdings Group, Inc., ITL (USA) limited, Genstar Pacific Corporation, Imasco Holdings Inc., Southward Insurance Ltd., Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company of Canada Limited or entities related to or affiliated with them other than the ITL Applicants and the BAT Group.

"JTIM Group" means the entities currently or formerly related to or affiliated with JTIM.

"**PMI Group**" means Phillip Morris International Inc. and all entities related to or affiliated with it, other than RBH.

"Tobacco Products" means any product made in whole or in part of tobacco that is intended for human consumption or use, including any component, part, or accessory of or used in connection with a tobacco product, including cigarettes, tobacco sticks (intended for smoking and requiring further preparation before they are smoked), loose tobacco intended for incorporation into cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipe tobacco, kreteks, bidis and smokeless tobacco (including chewing tobacco, nasal snuff and oral snuff), but does not include Vapour Products.

"Vapour Products" means:

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- a device that produces emissions in the form of an aerosol and is intended to be brought to the mouth for inhalation of the aerosol without burning of (i) a substance or (ii) a mixture of substances;
- (ii) a part or accessory that may be used with those devices; and
- (iii) a substance or mixture of substances, whether or not it contains tobacco or nicotine, that is intended for use with or without those devices to produce emissions in the form of an aerosol without burning

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This is Exhibit "B" referred to in the Affidavit of Kate Boyle affirmed before me on the 21st day of March, 2025.

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PETER C. M,cVEY, K.C. A Barrister of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia



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ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE COMMERCIAL LIST

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FRIDAY, THE 22nd

JUSTICE MORAWETZ

DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985 c. C-36, AS AMENDED

AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF IMPERIAL TOBACCO CANADA LIMITED AND IMPERIAL TOBACCO COMPANY LIMITED

Applicant

ORDER

THIS JOINT MOTION made by the "Tobacco Monitors" being Ernst & Young Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed Monitor of Rothmans, Benson & Hedges Inc. ("RDH"), Deloitte Restructuring Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed Monitor of JTI-Macdonald Corp. ("JTIM") and FTI Consulting Canada Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed Monitor (the "Imperial Monitor") of Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited and Imperial Tobacco Company Limited (collectively, "Imperial" and together with RBH and JTIM, the "Applicants") for an order amending and restating the Appointment of Representative Counsel Order of Mr. Justice McEwen dated December 9, 2019 (the "Representative Counsel Order") was determined this day in writing at Toronto, Ontario. **ON READING** the Joint Notice of Motion of the Tobacco Monitors dated November 13, 2024 (the "Joint Motion Record") including the Twenty-Second Report to Court of the Imperial Monitor dated November 13, 2024 (the "Twenty-Second Report") filed, and upon being advised by counsel to the Tobacco Monitors that no party has provided notice of objection to this motion for an amendment and restatement of the Representative Counsel Order although duly served as appears from the affidavits of service of Jasman Singh Gill sworn November 13, 2024.

SERVICE

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the timing and method of service and filing of this motion is hereby abridged and validated such that the motion is properly returnable today and this Court hereby dispenses with further service of this motion and of this Order.

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Order shall have the meanings given to them in the Twenty-Second Report, or the CCAA Plan in respect of Imperial.

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, effective as of the date hereof, the Representative Counsel Order be and hereby is amended and restated in the form attached as <u>Appendix "A"</u> hereto.

GENERAL

4. **THIS COURT HEREBY REQUESTS** the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body having jurisdiction in Canada or in the United States to give effect to this Order and to assist the Applicant in carrying out the terms of this Order. All courts, tribunals, regulatory and administrative bodies are hereby respectfully requested to make such orders and to

provide such assistance to the Applicant and its court-appointed monitor as may be necessary or

desirable to give effect to this Order or assist in carrying out the terms of this Order.

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Chief Justice G.B. Morawetz

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THE HONOURABLE

MONDAY, THE 9th

MR. JUSTICE MCEWEN

DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985 c. C-36, AS AMENDED

AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF IMPERIAL TOBACCO CANADA LIMITED AND IMPERIAL TOBACCO COMPANY LIMITED

Applicant

AMENDED AND RESTATED ORDER (APPOINTMENT OF PCC REPRESENTATIVE COUNSEL)

THIS JOINT MOTION made by the "Tobacco Monitors" being Ernst & Young Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed Monitor of Rothmans, Benson & Hedges Inc. ("RBH"), Deloitte Restructuring Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed Monitor of JTI-Macdonald Corp. ("JTIM") and FTI Consulting Canada Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed Monitor (the "Imperial Monitor") of Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited and Imperial Tobacco Company Limited (collectively, "Imperial" and together with RBH and JTIM, the "Applicants") for advice and directions regarding an order appointing representative counsel in these proceedings was heard this day at 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

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ON READING the Joint Notice of Motion of the Tobacco Monitors dated November 25, 2019 including the Sixth Report to Court of the Imperial Monitor dated November 26, 2019 (the "**Sixth Report**") filed, and on hearing the submissions of counsel for each of the Tobacco Monitors, the Applicants and such other counsel as were present, no one else appearing although duly served as appears from the affidavits of service of Monique Sassi sworn November 25 and November 26, 2019 and the affidavit of service of Robert Nicholls sworn November 27, 2019.

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the timing and method of service and filing of this motion is hereby abridged and validated such that the motion is properly returnable today and this Court hereby dispenses with further service of this motion and of this Order.

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Order (including in Schedule "A") shall have the meanings given to them in the Twenty-Second Report to Court of the Imperial Monitor dated November 13, 2024, or the CCAA Plan in respect of Imperial.

3. THIS COURT ORDERS that The Law Practice of Wagner & Associates, Inc. (the "PCC Representative Counsel") be and is hereby appointed to represent in these proceedings the Pan-Canadian Claimants as defined in Schedule "A" hereto, which definition may be amended following consultation among the Court-Appointed Mediator, the Tobacco Monitors and PCC Representative Counsel and as approved by further order of this Court.

4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, subject to further order of this Court, PCC Representative Counsel shall represent the interests of the Pan-Canadian Claimants as set out in paragraph 5 below without any obligation to consult with or seek individual instructions from those on whose behalf they have been appointed to represent, provided however, that PCC Representative Counsel is hereby authorized, but not obligated, to establish a committee (the "**Representative Committee**") on such terms as may be agreed to by the Court-Appointed Mediator and the Tobacco Monitors or established by further order of this Court.

5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that PCC Representative Counsel be and is hereby authorized to take all steps and to perform all acts necessary or desirable to carry out the terms of this Order, including, without limitation, by:

- (a) participating in and negotiating on behalf of the Pan-Canadian Claimants in the Mediation;
- (b) working with the Court-Appointed Mediator and the Tobacco Monitors to develop a process for the identification of valid and provable claims of Pan-Canadian Claimants and as appropriate, addressing such claims in the Mediation or the CCAA Proceedings;
- (c) responding to inquiries from Pan-Canadian Claimants in the CCAA Proceedings;
- (d) taking all steps or actions and providing all services in connection with its dutiesboth before and after the Plan Implementation Date, as applicable:

(i) in these CCAA Proceedings; and

(ii) subject to the implementation of the CCAA Plan:

- a. under the CCAA Plan, including the PCC Compensation Plan; and
- b. as may otherwise be required by the CCAA Plan Administrators; and

(e) performing such other actions as approved by this Court.

For greater certainty, nothing in this Order shall be construed as determining the validity of any claims of any Pan-Canadian Claimants.

6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that PCC Representative Counsel be and is hereby authorized, at its discretion, on such terms as may be consented to by the Court-Appointed Mediator and the Tobacco Monitors, or, subject to the implementation of the CCAA Plan, the CCAA Plan Administrators following the Plan Implementation Date, or further order of this Court to retain and consult with subject area experts and other professional and financial advisors as the PCC Representative Counsel may consider necessary to assist it with the discharge of its mandate.

7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that paragraphs 36 and 38 of the Second Amended and Restated Initial Order are hereby amended and are deemed from and after the date hereof to include PCC Representative Counsel as appointed herein among the parties who shall be paid its reasonable professional fees and disbursements in each case on an hourly basis, from and after the date of this Order and among those who benefit from the Administration Charge as defined therein and shall be paid by the Applicants in accordance with an agreement among the Applicants until the Plan Implementation Date.

8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, subject to the implementation of the CCAA Plan, all costs associated with the PCC Representative Counsel (including its advisors) after the Plan Implementation Date, shall be paid in accordance with the CCAA Plan.

9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that PCC Representative Counsel shall not be liable for any act or omission in respect of its appointment or the fulfillment of its duties in carrying out the

provisions of this Order, other than for gross negligence or willful misconduct. No action or other proceedings shall be commenced against PCC Representative Counsel in respect of alleged gross negligence or willful misconduct, except with prior leave of this Court, on at least 7 days' notice to PCC Representative Counsel, and upon such further order as this Court may make in respect of security for costs to be given by the plaintiff for the costs of the PCC Representative Counsel in connection with any such action or proceeding.

10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the PCC Representative Counsel may from time to time apply to this Court for advice and directions in respect of its appointment or the fulfillment of its duties in carrying out the provisions of this Order, upon notice to the Applicants and the Tobacco Monitors (or, subject to the implementation of the CCAA Plan, the CCAA Plan Administrators after the Plan Implementation Date) and to other interested parties, unless otherwise ordered by this Court.

Chief Justice G.B. Morawetz

Schedule "A"

Definitions

For the purposes of this Schedule "A", capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning given to them in the CCAA Plan (as defined below).

"Alternative Product" means (i) any device that produces emissions in the form of an aerosol and is intended to be brought to the mouth for inhalation of the aerosol without burning of (a) a substance; or (b) a mixture of substances; (ii) any substance or mixture of substances, whether or not it contains tobacco or nicotine, that is intended for use with or without those devices to produce emissions in the form of an aerosol without burning; (iii) any non-combustible tobacco (other than smokeless tobacco) or nicotine delivery product; or (iv) any component, part, or accessory of or used in connection with any such device or product referred to above.

"CCAA Plan", or "Plan", means the Court-Appointed Mediator's and Monitor's plan of compromise and arrangement pursuant to the CCAA concerning, affecting and involving Imperial, including all Schedules thereto.

"Individuals" means all individuals residing in a Province or Territory of Canada.

"Pan-Canadian Claimants" or "PCCs", means Individuals, excluding *Blais* Class Members and *Létourneau* Class Members in relation to QCAP Claims, who have asserted or may be entitled to assert a PCC Claim.

"PCC Claim" means any Claim of any Pan-Canadian Claimant that has been made or may in the future be asserted or made in whole or in part against or in respect of the Released Parties, or any one of them (either individually or with any other Person), that has been advanced, could have been advanced or could be advanced, whether on such Pan-Canadian Claimant's own account, or on their behalf, or on behalf of a certified or proposed class, to recover damages or any other remedy in respect of the development, design, manufacture, production, marketing, advertising, distribution, purchase or sale of Tobacco Products, including any representations or omissions in respect thereof, the historical or ongoing use of or exposure (whether directly or indirectly) to Tobacco Products or their emissions and the development of any disease or condition as a result thereof, whether existing or hereafter arising, in each case based on, arising from or in respect of any conduct, act, omission, transaction, duty, responsibility, indebtedness, liability, obligation, dealing, fact, matter or occurrence existing or taking place at or prior to the Effective Time (whether or not continuing thereafter) including, all Claims that have been advanced, could have been advanced or could be advanced in the following actions commenced by Individuals under provincial class proceedings legislation and actions commenced by Individuals, or in any other similar proceedings:

- (a) Barbara Bourassa v. Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited et al. (Supreme Court of British Columbia, Court File No. 10-2780 and Court File No. 14-4722);
- (b) Roderick Dennis McDermid v. Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited et al. (Supreme Court of British Columbia, Court File No. 10-2769);

- (c) Linda Dorion v. Canadian Tobacco Manufacturers' Council et al. (Alberta Court. of Queen's Bench, Court File No. 0901-08964);
- (d) Thelma Adams v. Canadian Tobacco Manufacturers' Council et al. (Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench, Court File No. 916 of 2009);
 - (e) Deborah Kunta v. Canadian Tobacco Manufacturers' Council et al. (Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench, Court File No. Cl09-01-61479);
 - (f) Suzanne Jacklin v. Canadian Tobacco Manufacturers' Council (Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Court File No. 53794/12);
- (g) Ben Semple v. Canadian Tobacco Manufacturers' Council et al. (Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, Court File No. 312869);
- (h) Victor Todd Sparkes v. Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited (Newfoundland and Labrador Supreme Court Trial Division, Court File No. 200401T2716 CP);
- (i) Peter Stright v. Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited (Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, Court File No. 177663);
- (j) Ljubisa Spasic as estate trustee of Mirjana Spasic v. Imperial Tobacco Limited and Rothmans, Benson & Hedges Inc. (Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Court File No. C17773/97);
- (k) Ljubisa Spasic as estate trustee of Mirjana Spasic v. B.A.T. Industries P.L.C. (Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Court File No. C18187/97);
- (l) Ragoonanan v. Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited (Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Court File No. 00-CV-183165-CP00);
- (m) Scott Landry v. Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited (Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Court File No. 1442/03);
- (n) Joseph Battaglia v. Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited (Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Court File No. 21513/97);
- (o) Roland Bergeron v. Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited (Quebec Superior Court, Court File No. 750-32-700014-163);
- (p) Paradis, in personal capacity and on behalf of estate of Lorraine Trepanier v. Rothmans, Benson & Hedges Inc. (Quebec Small Claims Court);
- (q) Couture v. Rothmans, Benson & Hedges Inc. (Quebec Superior Court); and

including any such Claim that is a Section 5.1(2) Claim or Section 19(2) Claim.

"Section 5.1(2) Claims" means any Claims against the Directors that:

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- (a) arose before the commencement of the CCAA Proceeding;
- (b) relate to the obligations of Imperial where the Directors are by law liable in their capacity as Directors for the payment of such obligations; and
- (c) either relate to contractual rights of one or more creditors, or are based on allegations of misrepresentations made by Directors to creditors, or of wrongful or oppressive conduct by Directors.

"Section 19(2) Claims" means any Claims against Imperial that relate to any of the following debts or liabilities, present or future, to which Imperial is subject on the day on which the CCAA Proceeding commenced, or to which Imperial may become subject before the compromise or arrangement is sanctioned by reason of any obligation incurred by Imperial before the day on which the CCAA Proceeding commenced, unless the compromise or arrangement in respect of Imperial explicitly provides for the Claim's compromise, and the creditor in relation to that debt has voted for the acceptance of the compromise or arrangement:

- (a) any fine, penalty, restitution order or other order similar in nature to a fine, penalty or restitution order, imposed by a court in respect of an offence;
- (b) any award of damages by a court in civil proceedings in respect of:
 - (i) bodily harm intentionally inflicted, or sexual assault, or
 - (ii) wrongful death resulting from an act referred to in subparagraph (i);
- (c) any debt or liability arising out of fraud, embezzlement, misappropriation or defalcation while acting in a fiduciary capacity or, in Quebec, as a trustee or an administrator of the property of others;
- (d) any debt or liability resulting from obtaining property or services by false pretences or fraudulent misrepresentation, other than a debt or liability of the company that arises from an equity claim; or
- (e) any debt for interest owed in relation to an amount referred to in any of paragraphs (a) to (d).

"Tobacco Product" means any product made in whole or in part of tobacco that is intended for human consumption or use, including any component, part, or accessory of or used in connection with a tobacco product, including cigarettes, tobacco sticks (intended for smoking and requiring further preparation before they are smoked), loose tobacco intended for incorporation into cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipe tobacco, kreteks, bidis and smokeless tobacco (including chewing tobacco, nasal snuff and oral snuff), but does not include any Alternative Product.

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FRIDAY, THE 22nd

JUSTICE MORAWETZ

DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985 c. C-36, AS AMENDED

AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF JTI-MACDONALD CORP.

Applicant

ORDER

THIS JOINT MOTION made by the "Tobacco Monitors" being Ernst & Young Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed Monitor of Rothmans, Benson & Hedges Inc. ("RBH"), Deloitte Restructuring Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed Monitor (the "JTIM Monitor") of JTI-Macdonald Corp. ("JTIM") and FTI Consulting Canada Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed Monitor of Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited and Imperial Tobacco Company Limited (collectively, "Imperial" and together with RBH and JTIM, the "Applicants") for an order amending and restating the Appointment of Representative Counsel Order of Mr. Justice McEwen dated December 9, 2019 (the "Representative Counsel Order") was determined this day in writing at Toronto, Ontario.

ON READING the Joint Notice of Motion of the Tobacco Monitors dated November 13, 2024 (the "**Joint Motion Record**") including the Nineteenth Report to Court of the JTIM

Monitor dated November 13, 2024 (the "**Nineteenth Report**") filed, and upon being advised by counsel to the Tobacco Monitors that no party has provided notice of objection to this motion for an amendment and restatement of the Representative Counsel Order although duly served as appears from the affidavits of service of Jasman Singh Gill sworn November 13, 2024.

SERVICE

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the timing and method of service and filing of this motion is hereby abridged and validated such that the motion is properly returnable today and this Court hereby dispenses with further service of this motion and of this Order.

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Order shall have the meanings given to them in the Nineteenth Report, or the CCAA Plan in respect of JTIM.

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, effective as of the date hereof, the Representative Counsel Order be and hereby is amended and restated in the form attached as <u>Appendix "A"</u> hereto.

GENERAL

4. **THIS COURT HEREBY REQUESTS** the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body having jurisdiction in Canada or in the United States to give effect to this Order and to assist the Applicant in carrying out the terms of this Order. All courts, tribunals, regulatory and administrative bodies are hereby respectfully requested to make such orders and to provide such assistance to the Applicant and its court-appointed monitor as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this Order or assist in carrying out the terms of this Order.

Chief Justice G.B. Morawetz

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MONDAY, THE 9th

MR. JUSTICE MCEWEN

DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985 c. C-36, AS AMENDED

AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF JTI-MACDONALD CORP.

Applicant

AMENDED AND RESTATED ORDER (APPOINTMENT OF PCC REPRESENTATIVE COUNSEL)

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1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the timing and method of service and filing of this motion is hereby abridged and validated such that the motion is properly returnable today and this Court hereby dispenses with further service of this motion and of this Order.

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Order (including in Schedule "A") shall have the meanings given to them in the Nineteenth Report of the JTIM Monitor dated November 13, 2024, or the CCAA Plan in respect of JTIM.

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that The Law Practice of Wagner & Associates, Inc. (the "PCC **Representative Counsel**") be and is hereby appointed to represent in these proceedings the Pan-Canadian Claimants as defined in Schedule "A" hereto, which definition may be amended following consultation among the Court-Appointed Mediator, the Tobacco Monitors and PCC Representative Counsel and as approved by further order of this Court.

4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, subject to further order of this Court, PCC Representative Counsel shall represent the interests of the Pan-Canadian Claimants as set out in paragraph 5 below without any obligation to consult with or seek individual instructions from those on whose behalf they have been appointed to represent, provided however, that PCC Representative Counsel is hereby authorized, but not obligated, to establish a committee (the "**Representative Committee**") on such terms as may be agreed to by the Court-Appointed Mediator and the Tobacco Monitors or established by further order of this Court.

5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that PCC Representative Counsel be and is hereby authorized to take all steps and to perform all acts necessary or desirable to carry out the terms of this Order, including, without limitation, by:

- (a) participating in and negotiating on behalf of the Pan-Canadian Claimants in the Mediation;
- (b) working with the Court-Appointed Mediator and the Tobacco Monitors to develop a process for the identification of valid and provable claims of Pan-Canadian Claimants and as appropriate, addressing such claims in the Mediation or the CCAA Proceedings;
- (c) responding to inquiries from Pan-Canadian Claimants in the CCAA Proceedings;
- (d) taking all steps or actions and providing all services in connection with its dutiesboth before and after the Plan Implementation Date, as applicable:
 - (i) in these CCAA Proceedings; and
 - (ii) subject to the implementation of the CCAA Plan:
 - a. under the CCAA Plan, including the PCC Compensation Plan; and
 - b. as may otherwise be required by the CCAA Plan Administrators.
- (e) performing such other actions as approved by this Court.

For greater certainty, nothing in this Order shall be construed as determining the validity of any claims of any Pan-Canadian Claimants.

6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that PCC Representative Counsel be and is hereby authorized, at its discretion, on such terms as may be consented to by the Court-Appointed Mediator and the Tobacco Monitors, or, subject to the implementation of the CCAA Plan, the CCAA Plan Administrators following the Plan Implementation Date, or further order of this Court to retain and consult with subject area experts and other professional and financial advisors as the PCC Representative Counsel may consider necessary to assist it with the discharge of its mandate.

7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that paragraphs 38 and 40 of the JTIM Initial Order are hereby amended and are deemed from and after the date hereof to include PCC Representative Counsel as appointed herein among the parties who shall be paid its reasonable professional fees and disbursements in each case on an hourly basis, from and after the date of this Order and among those who benefit from the Administration Charge as defined therein and shall be paid by the Applicants in accordance with an agreement among the Applicants until the Plan Implementation Date.

8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, subject to the implementation of the CCAA Plan, all costs associated with the PCC Representative Counsel (including its advisors) after the Plan Implementation Date shall be paid in accordance with the CCAA Plan.

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10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the PCC Representative Counsel may from time to time apply to this Court for advice and directions in respect of its appointment or the fulfillment of its duties in carrying out the provisions of this Order, upon notice to the Applicants and the Tobacco Monitors (or, subject to the implementation of the CCAA Plan, the CCAA Plan Administrators after the Plan Implementation Date) and to other interested parties, unless otherwise ordered by this Court.

Chief Justice G.B. Morawetz

Schedule "A"

Definitions

For the purposes of this Schedule "A", capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning given to them in the CCAA Plan (as defined below).

"Alternative Product" means (i) any device that produces emissions in the form of an aerosol and is intended to be brought to the mouth for inhalation of the aerosol without burning of (a) a substance; or (b) a mixture of substances; (ii) any substance or mixture of substances, whether or not it contains tobacco or nicotine, that is intended for use with or without those devices to produce emissions in the form of an aerosol without burning; (iii) any non-combustible tobacco (other than smokeless tobacco) or nicotine delivery product; or (iv) any component, part, or accessory of or used in connection with any such device or product referred to above.

"CCAA Plan", or "Plan", means the Court-Appointed Mediator's and Monitor's plan of compromise and arrangement pursuant to the CCAA concerning, affecting and involving JTIM, including all Schedules thereto.

"Individuals" means all individuals residing in a Province or Territory of Canada.

"**Pan-Canadian Claimants**" or "**PCCs**", means Individuals, excluding *Blais* Class Members and *Létourneau* Class Members in relation to QCAP Claims, who have asserted or may be entitled to assert a PCC Claim.

"PCC Claim" means any Claim of any Pan-Canadian Claimant that has been made or may in the future be asserted or made in whole or in part against or in respect of the Released Parties, or any one of them (either individually or with any other Person), that has been advanced, could have been advanced or could be advanced, whether on such Pan-Canadian Claimant's own account, or on their behalf, or on behalf of a certified or proposed class, to recover damages or any other remedy in respect of the development, design, manufacture, production, marketing, advertising, distribution, purchase or sale of Tobacco Products, including any representations or omissions in respect thereof, the historical or ongoing use of or exposure (whether directly or indirectly) to Tobacco Products or their emissions and the development of any disease or condition as a result thereof, whether existing or hereafter arising, in each case based on, arising from or in respect of any conduct, act, omission, transaction, duty, responsibility, indebtedness, liability, obligation, dealing, fact, matter or occurrence existing or taking place at or prior to the Effective Time (whether or not continuing thereafter) including, all Claims that have been advanced, could have been advanced or could be advanced in the following actions commenced by Individuals under provincial class proceedings legislation and actions commenced by Individuals, or in any other similar proceedings:

- (a) Barbara Bourassa v. Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited et al. (Supreme Court of British Columbia, Court File No. 10-2780 and Court File No. 14-4722);
- (b) Roderick Dennis McDermid v. Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited et al. (Supreme Court of British Columbia, Court File No. 10-2769);

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including any such Claim that is a Section 5.1(2) Claim or Section 19(2) Claim.

"Section 5.1(2) Claims" means any Claims against the Directors that:

- (a) arose before the commencement of the CCAA Proceeding;
- (b) relate to the obligations of JTIM where the Directors are by law liable in their capacity as Directors for the payment of such obligations; and
- (c) either relate to contractual rights of one or more creditors, or are based on allegations of misrepresentations made by Directors to creditors, or of wrongful or oppressive conduct by Directors.

"Section 19(2) Claims" means any Claims against JTIM that relate to any of the following debts or liabilities, present or future, to which JTIM is subject on the day on which the CCAA Proceeding commenced, or to which JTIM may become subject before the compromise or arrangement is sanctioned by reason of any obligation incurred by JTIM before the day on which the CCAA Proceeding commenced, unless the compromise or arrangement in respect of JTIM explicitly provides for the Claim's compromise, and the creditor in relation to that debt has voted for the acceptance of the compromise or arrangement:

- (a) any fine, penalty, restitution order or other order similar in nature to a fine, penalty or restitution order, imposed by a court in respect of an offence;
- (b) any award of damages by a court in civil proceedings in respect of:
 - (i) bodily harm intentionally inflicted, or sexual assault, or
 - (ii) wrongful death resulting from an act referred to in subparagraph (i);
- (c) any debt or liability arising out of fraud, embezzlement, misappropriation or defalcation while acting in a fiduciary capacity or, in Quebec, as a trustee or an administrator of the property of others;
- (d) any debt or liability resulting from obtaining property or services by false pretences or fraudulent misrepresentation, other than a debt or liability of the company that arises from an equity claim; or
- (e) any debt for interest owed in relation to an amount referred to in any of paragraphs (a) to (d).

"**Tobacco Product**" means any product made in whole or in part of tobacco that is intended for human consumption or use, including any component, part, or accessory of or used in connection with a tobacco product, including cigarettes, tobacco sticks (intended for smoking and requiring further preparation before they are smoked), loose tobacco intended for incorporation into cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipe tobacco, kreteks, bidis and smokeless tobacco (including chewing tobacco, nasal snuff and oral snuff), but does not include any Alternative Product.

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THE HONOURABLE CHIEF

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FRIDAY, THE 22nd

DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024

THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985 c. C-36, AS AMENDED

AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF ROTHMANS, BENSON & HEDGES INC.

Applicant

ORDER

THIS JOINT MOTION made by the "Tobacco Monitors" being Ernst & Young Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed Monitor (the "RBH Monitor") of Rothmans, Benson & Hedges Inc. ("RBH"), Deloitte Restructuring Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed Monitor of JTI-Macdonald Corp. ("JTIM") and FTI Consulting Canada Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed Monitor of Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited and Imperial Tobacco Company Limited (collectively, the "ITL Applicants" and together with RBH and JTIM, the "Applicants") for an order amending and restating the Appointment of Representative Counsel Order of Mr. Justice McEwen dated December 9, 2019 (the "Representative Counsel Order") was determined this day in writing at Toronto, Ontario.

ON READING the Joint Notice of Motion of the Tobacco Monitors dated November 13, 2024 (the "**Joint Motion Record**") including the Twentieth Report to Court of the RBH Monitor

dated November 13, 2024 (the "**Twentieth Report**") filed, and upon being advised by counsel to the Tobacco Monitors that no party has provided notice of objection to this motion for an amendment and restatement of the Representative Counsel Order although duly served as appears from the affidavits of service of Jasman Singh Gill sworn November 13, 2024.

SERVICE

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the timing and method of service and filing of this motion is hereby abridged and validated such that the motion is properly returnable today and this Court hereby dispenses with further service of this motion and of this Order.

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Order shall have the meanings given to them in the Twentieth Report, or the CCAA Plan in respect of RBH.

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, effective as of the date hereof, the Representative Counsel Order be and hereby is amended and restated in the form attached as <u>Appendix "A"</u> hereto.

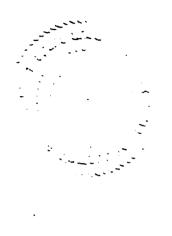
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4. **THIS COURT HEREBY REQUESTS** the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body having jurisdiction in Canada or in the United States to give effect to this Order and to assist the Applicant in carrying out the terms of this Order. All courts, tribunals, regulatory and administrative bodies are hereby respectfully requested to make such orders and to provide such assistance to the Applicant and its court-appointed monitor as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this Order or assist in carrying out the terms of this Order.

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AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF ROTHMANS, BENSON & HEDGES INC.

Applicant

AMENDED AND RESTATED ORDER (APPOINTMENT OF PCC REPRESENTATIVE COUNSEL)

THIS JOINT MOTION made by the "Tobacco Monitors" being Ernst & Young Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed Monitor (the "RBH Monitor") of Rothmans, Benson & Hedges Inc. ("RBH"), Deloitte Restructuring Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed Monitor of JTI-Macdonald Corp. ("JTIM") and FTI Consulting Canada Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed Monitor of Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited and Imperial Tobacco Company Limited (collectively, the "ITL Applicants" and together with RBH and JTIM, the "Applicants") for advice and directions regarding an order appointing representative counsel in these proceedings was heard this day at 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, ON READING the Joint Notice of Motion of the Tobacco Monitors dated November 25, 2019 including the Fourth Report to Court of the RBH Monitor dated November 26, 2019 (the **'Fourth Report''**) filed, and on hearing the submissions of counsel for each of the Tobacco Monitors, the Applicants and such other counsel as were present, no one else appearing although duly served as appears from the affidavits of service of Monique Sassi sworn November 25 and November 26, 2019.

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the timing and method of service and filing of this motion is hereby abridged and validated such that the motion is properly returnable today and this Court hereby dispenses with further service of this motion and of this Order.

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Order (including in Schedule "A") shall have the meanings given to them in the Twentieth Report of the RBH Monitor dated November 13, 2024, or the CCAA Plan in respect of RBH.

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that The Law Practice of Wagner & Associates, Inc. (the "PCC **Representative Counsel**") be and is hereby appointed to represent in these proceedings the Pan-Canadian Claimants as defined in Schedule "A" hereto, which definition may be amended following consultation among the Court-Appointed Mediator, the Tobacco Monitors and PCC Representative Counsel and as approved by further order of this Court.

4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, subject to further order of this Court, PCC Representative Counsel shall represent the interests of the Pan-Canadian Claimants as set out in paragraph 5 below without any obligation to consult with or seek individual instructions from those on whose behalf they have been appointed to represent, provided however, that PCC Representative Counsel is hereby authorized, but not obligated, to establish a committee (the "**Representative Committee**") on such terms as may be agreed to by the Court-Appointed Mediator and the Tobacco Monitors or established by further order of this Court.

5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that PCC Representative Counsel be and is hereby authorized to take all steps and to perform all acts necessary or desirable to carry out the terms of this Order, including, without limitation, by:

- (a) participating in and negotiating on behalf of the Pan-Canadian Claimants in the Mediation;
- (b) working with the Court-Appointed Mediator and the Tobacco Monitors to develop

 a process for the identification of valid and provable claims of Pan-Canadian
 Claimants and as appropriate, addressing such claims in the Mediation or the
 CCAA Proceedings;
- (c) responding to inquiries from Pan-Canadian Claimants in the CCAA Proceedings;
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 - a. under the CCAA Plan, including the PCC Compensation Plan; and
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For greater certainty, nothing in this Order shall be construed as determining the validity of any claims of any Pan-Canadian Claimants.

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negligence or willful misconduct, except with prior leave of this Court, on at least 7 days' notice to PCC Representative Counsel, and upon such further order as this Court may make in respect of security for costs to be given by the plaintiff for the costs of the PCC Representative Counsel inconnection with any such action or proceeding.

10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the PCC Representative Counsel may from time to time apply to this Court for advice and directions in respect of its appointment or the fulfillment of its duties in carrying out the provisions of this Order, upon notice to the Applicants and the Tobacco Monitors (or, subject to the implementation of the CCAA Plan, the CCAA Plan Administrators after the Plan Implementation Date) and to other interested parties, unless otherwise ordered by this Court.

Chief Justice G.B. Morawetz

Schedule "A"

Definitions

For the purposes of this Schedule "A", capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning given to them in the CCAA Plan (as defined below).

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Lawyers for Ernst & Young Inc., in its capacity as the Courtappointed Monitor of Rothmans, Benson & Hedges Inc. This is Exhibit "C" referred to in the Affidavit of Kate Boyle affirmed before me on the 21st day of March, 2025.

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Tuesday, the 10th day of December, 2024

CHIEF JUSTICE MORAWETZ

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED

R.S.C. 1985, C. C-30, AS AMENDED

AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF **JTI-MACDONALD CORP**.

AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF **IMPERIAL TOBACCO CANADA LIMITED** AND **IMPERIAL TOBACCO COMPANY LIMITED**

AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF **ROTHMANS, BENSON & HEDGES INC.**

ORDER GRANTING INTERLOCUTORY INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

THIS MOTION made by PCC Representative Counsel pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. c-36, as amended (the "**CCAA**") for mandatory injunctive relief against Actis Law Group and Ms. Andrea Grass (collectively, "**Actis Law Group**") was made this day in Toronto, Ontario.

ON READING the PCC Representative Counsel's Notice of Motion, the Affidavit of Kate Boyle dated December 8, 2024 ("**Boyle Affidavit**"), together with the exhibits thereto, and on hearing

the submissions of PCC Representative Counsel and other such counsel requesting to be heard, all other parties having been duly served with the Motion Record;

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the time for service of the Notice of Motion and the Motion Record herein is hereby abridged and validated so that this Motion is properly returnable today and hereby dispenses with further service thereof.

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that all capitalized terms used herein, unless herein otherwise defined, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Boyle Affidavit and the CCAA Plans.

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the request for interlocutory mandatory injunctive relief is granted.

4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the interlocutory injunctive relief granted hereunder shall remain in effect until the Sanction Order is rendered or until any such later date if this Order is thereafter extended or made permanent.

5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that Actis Law Group shall immediately take down and remove:

- a. the web-pages entitled "Canadian Tobacco Class Action Settlement found at the following link: https://actislaw.org/class-Representation". actions/canadian-tobacco-class-action-settlement-representation; and its French language equivalent, "Représentation au règlement canadien de l'actions collectives sur le tabac", found at the following link: https://actislaw.org/actionscollectives/representation-au-reglement-canadien-de-laction-collective-sur-letabac; and
- b. any other pages or websites in which they have any involvement whatsoever containing communications or other information relating to the Canadian Tobacco Settlement and claims and distribution processes under the CCAA Plans or the Pan-Canadian Claimants' Compensation Plan ("PCC Compensation Plan"), for the purpose of soliciting Pan-Canadian Claimants (or "PCCs") for representation or to provide any other services to them in connection with their Tobacco Claims;

(collectively the "Actis Website")

6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** Actis Law Group to cease and desist from soliciting, communicating with, approaching, entering into retainer agreements with, and/or providing information or advice to any Tobacco-Victims, including PCCs, in connection with the CCAA Plans, including the PCC Compensation Plan and/or any compensation due thereunder;

7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** Actis Law Group to provide PCC Representative Counsel with the list of all persons who signed up or provided information through the Actis Website or otherwise, including all contact and other information obtained and/or collected by them (the "Actis List") by December 10, 2024 at 3 pm.

8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** Actis Law Group to destroy all copies of the Actis List in their possession, whether in electronic or paper form, by no later than December 10, 2024 at 5 pm.

9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the PCC's are relieved from the requirement to provide an undertaking as to damages in respect of the Order sought.

AID AND RECOGNITION

10. **THIS COURT HEREBY REQUESTS** the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body or agency having jurisdiction in Canada or in any other foreign jurisdiction, to give effect to this Order. All courts, tribunals, regulatory and administrative bodies and agencies are hereby respectfully requested to make such Orders and to provide such assistance, as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this Order.

Chief Justice Geoffrey B. Morawetz

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Raymond F. Wagner, K.C.

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September 13, 2024

VIA EMAIL

Brenda Weiss - <u>Brenda.Weiss@epiqglobal.ca;</u> Dawn McPherson - <u>Dawn.Mcpherson@epiqglobal.com</u>

Dear Ms. McPherson and Ms. Weiss;

Re: Retention of Epiq as Agent for Pan-Canadian Claimants

We write to confirm your retention as an Agent for the Pan-Canadian Claimants ("PCCs") within the Tobacco¹ *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* Proceedings ("Tobacco CCAA Proceedings"). We confirm that you have agreed to assist Wagners in its role as PCC Representative Counsel, as appointed by the Order of the Honourable Justice McEwan of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) dated December 9, 2019 ("Representative Counsel Order").

We are authorized under paragraph 6 of the Representative Counsel Order, upon consent of the Mediator and Monitors, to retain and consult with professional advisors as PCC Representative Counsel considers necessary to assist with the discharge of its mandate. The Mediator and Monitors have consented to your retention as Agent, and we retain you under that provision subject to further approval of the CCAA Court.

Under your role as Agent, you will have the following responsibilities, which include but are not limited to: establishing a pre-settlement call centre and pre-settlement website and registration portal; managing communications efficiently and providing the necessary support to PCCs or their Legal Representatives; preparing Claim Packages with PCCs or their Legal Representatives; and reporting to Representative Counsel, the Mediator and Monitors. These responsibilities may be refined as the process evolves to align with project needs.

To be clear, this retention does not engage Epiq to be the Claims Administrator for the overall administration of the individual claims process in regard to the PCC Compensation Plan and the Quebec Administration Plan. Such appointment of Epiq as the Claims Administrator will be upon the recommendation of the Court-Appointed Mediator and the Monitors and subject to the approval of the CCAA Court.

Here forward, until otherwise directed, please bill Wagners on a monthly basis on the terms agreed to with the Mediator and Monitors for your work performed as Agent in the Tobacco CCAA Proceedings, and for the related taxes, reasonable disbursements and expenses.

¹ The Tobacco Companies (the "Applicants") in the CCAA Proceedings are Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited, Rothmans, Benson & Hedges Inc., and JTI-MacDonald Corp.

We understand that you have agreed to abide by the confidentiality and non-disclosure provisions provided by the Mediator and Monitors, which will extend to this engagement until further notice or instruction.

We welcome a conference call early next week. Please advise us of your availability.

Thank you for your willingness to work as an Agent for the PCCs in the Tobacco CCAA Proceedings, and we look forward to working with you.

Yours truly,

Raymond F. Wagner, K.C. RFW/kb cc: Kate Boyle – <u>kboyle@wagners.co</u>

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Who are you submitting this claim for? *	
O Myself	O Loved One, Other
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Do you currently live in any Province or Territory	within Canada? *
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Was the individual diagnosed with any of the following conditions between March 8, 2015, and March 8, 2019? Select any that apply. *
Lung Cancer
Throat Cancer
Emphysema
COPD (Grade III or IV as per GOLD Classification)
None of the above
What date was the individual diagnosed with COPD? *
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Date
Do you have a pathology report that confirms the diagnosis?
Yes No
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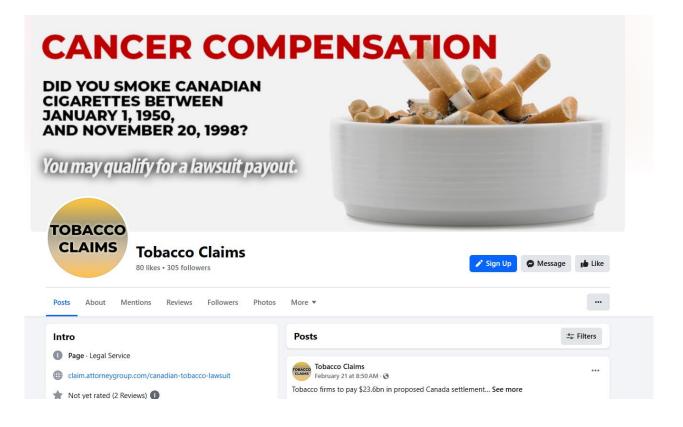
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The Companies have tried to comply with all legal and ethical requirements in compiling this website. We welcome comments about our compliance with applicable rules and will update the site as warranted, upon learning of any new or different requirements. We only want to represent clients based on their review of this website if it complies with all legal or ethical requirements.

To the extent that the professional responsibility rules of any jurisdiction require us to designate a principal office or an attorney responsible for this website, Johnson Firm designates its office at 610 President Clinton Ave. #300, Little Rock, AR 72201, and attorney Anthony Johnson.

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To the extent that any display of honors, accolades and recognition made on this website are considered attorney advertising, no aspect of such advertisement has been approved or sanctioned by the supreme courts or accrediting organizations of any state. The inclusion of an honor, accolade or recognition is not intended to compare the services of any attorney with any other attorney or law firm, nor is it intended to create an expectation of results that can be obtained in a particular matter. Any honor, accolade or recognition that uses the term "super," "best," "superior," "leading," "top-rated," or the like, only means that the attorney has been included in a list containing that term. It is not intended to convey any superlative ability of the attorney recognized.

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These Terms of Use and Disclaimers shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Arkansas without regard to any choice of law principles. Disputes arising hereunder shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state courts of Arkansas.

Privacy Policy

The Companies are committed to protecting your privacy. Please read the following Privacy Policy to understand how your personal information will be treated as you use this website. When you use this website, you consent to the use of your personal information by the companies in the manner specified in this Privacy Policy. This policy may change periodically, so please check back from time to time. The date of the last update to this Privacy Policy was April 2017.

Information We Collect Automatically

As with most websites, if you visit our website to browse, read, or download information:

- · Your web browser automatically sends us (and we may retain) information such as the:
 - Internet domain through which you access the Internet (e.g., yourServiceProvider.com if you use a commercial Internet service provider, or yourSchool.edu if you use an Internet account from your school);
 - Internet Protocol address of the computer you are using;
 - Type of browser software and operating system you are using;
 - Date and time you access our site; and
 - · The Internet address of the site from which you linked directly to our site.
- We will use this information as aggregate data to help us maintain this site, e.g., to determine the number of visitors to different sections of our site, to ensure the site is working properly, and to help us make our site more accessible and useful.
- We will not use this information to identify individuals, except for site security or law enforcement purposes.
- We will not obtain personally-identifying information about you when you visit our site, unless you choose to provide such information.

Other Information We Collect

If you choose to identify yourself (or otherwise provide us with personal information) when you use our online forms:

- We will collect (and may retain) any personally identifying information, such as your name, street address, email address, and phone number, and any other information you provide.
 We will use this information to try to fulfill your request and may use it provide you with additional information at a later time. We will not disclose such information to third parties, except as specified in this privacy policy.
- If you request information, services, or assistance, we may disclose your personal
 information to those third parties that (in our judgment) are appropriate in order to fulfill your
 request. If, when you provide us with such information, you specify that you do not want us
 to disclose the information to third parties, we will honor your request. Note, however, that if
 you do not provide such information, it may be impossible for us to refer, respond to or fulfill
 your request.
- If your communication relates to a law enforcement matter, we may disclose the information to law enforcement agencies that we deem appropriate.

How Long We Keep Information

We may keep information that we collect for an unlimited period of time.

Security

Please note that electronic communication, particularly email, is not necessarily secure against interception. Please do not send sensitive data (e.g., Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers) by email or web form.

Cookies

We may use cookies in order to customize this site for return visitors. These cookies are not required for site functionality. Additionally, third-party widgets may install cookies depending on their configuration. You are not required to accept any cookies to use this site.

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We use a tool called "Google Analytics" to collect information about use of this site. Google Analytics collects information such as how often users visit this site, what pages they visit when they do so, and what other sites they used prior to coming to this site. We use the information we get from Google Analytics only to improve this site. Google Analytics collects only the IP address assigned to you on the date you visit this site, rather than your name or other identifying information. We do not use Google Analytics to collect personally identifiable information. Although Google Analytics plants a permanent cookie on your web browser to identify you as a unique user the next time you visit this site, the cookie cannot be used by anyone but Google. Google's ability to use and share information collected by Google Analytics about your visits to this site is restricted by the Google Analytics Terms of Use and the Google **Privacy Policy**. You can prevent Google Analytics from recognizing you on return visits to this site by disabling cookies on your browser.

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<u>Monitoring, Enforcement, and Legal Requests</u>: The Companies are not obligated to monitor this website or its use, or to retain the content of any user session. However, the Companies reserve the right at all times to monitor, review, retain, and/or disclose any information as necessary to satisfy any applicable law, regulation, legal process, or governmental request, or to cooperate with law enforcement and other authorities in investigating a claim of illegal activity. We may use IP addresses to identify a user when we feel it is necessary to protect our service, website, clients, potential clients, or others.

Other Websites: Except as otherwise expressly discussed in this Privacy Policy, this policy only addresses the Companies' use and disclosure of information we collect from you. To the extent that you disclose personal information to other websites, you are subject to the privacy customs and policies of those other sites. We encourage you to ask questions before you disclose any personal information.

<u>Transmission Errors or Unauthorized Acts</u>: No data transmission over the Internet can be guaranteed to be 100 percent secure. While we strive to protect your personal information, the Companies cannot ensure or warrant the security of any information you transmit to us or any information provided online, and you do so at your own risk. The Companies will not be liable for disclosures of your personal information due to errors in transmission or unauthorized acts of third parties. Once we receive your transmission, we will do our best to ensure its security on our systems by making reasonable efforts to protect the information.

<u>Security</u>: Any information provided to the Companies is treated with care and discretion. The Companies will take a proactive approach to ensure the information is kept private and is not misused.

Questions About the Privacy Policy

We pursue a full-disclosure approach to responsibly care for the information you have entrusted with us, and we depend on information sharing as our principal means to best serve you. We will continually monitor feedback and seek to improve our services to meet your needs. If you have any questions about this Privacy Policy or the practices of this website, or if you would like to provide comments, please contact us using our online forms, by telephone at (888) 888-0612, by email at info@attorneygroup.com, or by regular mail at the address listed above. This is Exhibit "H" referred to in the Affidavit of Kate Boyle affirmed before me on the 21st day of March, 2025.

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Signature



Raymond F. Wagner, K.C.

raywagner@wagners.co

March 7, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Anthony Johnson Johnson Firm 610 President Clinton Ave Suite 200 Little Rock, AR 72201 info@yourattorney.com

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Re: Unauthorized Solicitation of Tobacco Claimants - Immediate Action Required

We write to you in our capacity as Representative Counsel for Canadian victims of tobacco harm - the Pan-Canadian Claimants ("PCCs") - in the ongoing tobacco proceedings under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, RSC 1985, c C-36, as amended ("CCAA"), before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) ("CCAA Court").

On December 9, 2019, we were appointed by the CCAA Court to act as Representative Counsel for the PCCs in the context of these CCAA proceedings. Since that time, we have been actively representing the interests of PCCs, ensuring that their rights are properly protected and advanced within the court-approved process.

It has come to our attention that you are operating a website – <u>attorneygroup.com</u> – through Lawyer Advertising, AIAG, LLC carrying on business as Attorney Group ("Attorney Group") and are soliciting claimants to sign up for legal representation in relation to the "Tobacco Company Lawsuit Payout" (see enclosed screenshots).

This conduct is expressly prohibited by the CCAA Plans of Compromise and Arrangement approved by Chief Justice Morawetz of the CCAA Court. Specifically, section 8.4 of the CCAA Plans states:

8.4 No Solicitation of Pan-Canadian Claimants

No Persons other than the PCC Representative Counsel, their agent Epiq, the Claims Administrator, or any Person specifically authorized by any of the foregoing Persons or by the CCAA Court, shall solicit Pan-Canadian

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OFFICE: (902) 425-7330 TOLL-FREE: 1-800-465-8794 FAX: (902) 422-1233 www.wagners.co Claimants in order to assist them with the preparation or submission of their PCC Claim Packages under the PCC Compensation Plan.

This restriction is not discretionary. Your solicitation of Pan-Canadian Claimants constitutes an unlawful interference with the administration of justice.

In December 2024, when another firm falsely held itself out as representing PCCs, the CCAA Court issued an injunction prohibiting such conduct. Copies of the related Endorsement and Order are enclosed for your reference. Specifically, the Court made clear that:

- Soliciting claimants for legal representation creates confusion and risks undermining claimants' rights. Claimants may mistakenly believe they must retain an outside firm to access compensation when, in fact, the PCC Compensation Plan provides for their claims to be processed without additional legal fees.
- Unauthorized actors interfere with claimants' ability to receive accurate and timely information. This is particularly harmful given the complexity and duration of these proceedings.
- Such conduct disrupts the orderly resolution of the CCAA Proceedings. The Court determined that allowing unauthorized third parties to interject could cause irreparable harm.

Given that your conduct mirrors the actions already enjoined by the CCAA Court, we anticipate that the Court will impose the same restrictions and corresponding legal consequences should you fail to immediately cease and desist.

Accordingly, we require that you:

- 1. Immediately remove all solicitations related to the tobacco settlement and tobacco claims process, including but not limited any information relating to the ongoing tobacco proceedings under the CCAA on the website <u>attorneygroup.com</u>, any associated domains, social media posts, online advertisements, and any other public communications encouraging claimants to seek representation. You must confirm in writing once all such solicitations have been successfully removed.
- 2. Disclose the identities of all lawyer(s) and/or law firm(s) to whom you and/or Attorney Group have directed, or would have directed, any inquiries regarding tobacco claims received through your website, social media, advertising, or any other solicitation efforts;
- 3. Provide us with the list of all persons who signed up or provided information through the website <u>attorneygroup.com</u> or any other Attorney Group platform, including all contact and other information obtained and/or collected by you and/or Attorney Group ("Attorney Group List");
- 4. Permanently destroy all copies of the Attorney Group List in your possession, whether in electronic or paper form; and

5. Cease and desist from any further solicitation of Pan-Canadian Claimants, through any medium including websites, social media, direct outreach, or advertising.

You must provide written confirmation of compliance with the above requests via email no later than March 10, 2025, at 12:00 pm EST.

If we do not receive confirmation that all solicitations have been removed as set out in Item #1, we will be required to seek injunctive relief and all other available legal remedies to protect the integrity of the claims process. While we fully expect compliance with Items #2 through #5, our immediate and non-negotiable demand is that all improper solicitations cease without delay. We reserve all rights to seek further relief as necessary.

We trust you will govern yourself accordingly. Should you require any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,

Raymond F. Wagner, K.C. RFW/dm raywagner@wagners.co Enclosures cc: Kate Boyle – kboyle@wagners.co

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Signature

Details

For service of process contact the <u>Secretary of State's office.</u>

LLC Member information is now confidential per Act 865 of 2007

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Corporation Name AIAG, LLC

Fictitious Names ATTORNEY GROUP

Filing # 811052885

Filing Type Limited Liability Company

Filed Under Act Domestic LLC; 1003 of 1993

Status Good Standing

Principal Address

Reg. Agent LYLE D. FOSTER

Agent Address 901 N UNIVERSITY LITTLE ROCK, AR 72207

Date Filed 05/01/2014

Officers LYLE D FOSTER, Incorporator/Organizer THIRDCO LLC, Manager ANTHONY C JOHNSON, Manager LYLE D. FOSTER ESQ, Tax Preparer

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State of Origin

Purchase a Certificate of Good Standing for this Entity Pay Franchise Tax for this corporation This is Exhibit "J" referred to in the Affidavit of Kate Boyle affirmed before me on the 21st day of March, 2025.

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From:	Kate Boyle
To:	lyle.foster@hmflaw.net; elisha.patrick@hmflaw.net
Cc:	Davna MacGillivray; Ray Wagner
Subject:	Urgent – Unauthorized Solicitation of Canadian Tobacco Claimants
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Dear Mr. Foster,

We write regarding our letter to Mr. Anthony Johnson, dated March 7, 2025, concerning the unauthorized solicitation of Canadian Tobacco Claimants through attorneygroup.com and related advertising (see attached).

As Court-appointed Representative Counsel for the Pan-Canadian Claimants ("PCCs")—Canadian victims of tobacco harm—we are actively engaged in the ongoing tobacco proceedings under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List).

To date, we have not received any confirmation of compliance from Mr. Johnson. As we understand you are the registered agent for AIAG, LLC d/b/a Attorney Group, we require immediate confirmation that you have received our March 7, 2025, letter and that you are addressing this matter.

This solicitation is in direct violation of a court-Endorsement, which expressly prohibits unauthorized solicitation of Pan-Canadian Claimants, and continued non-compliance could carry serious legal consequences.

If this issue is not resolved immediately, we will have no choice but to seek injunctive relief against Attorney Group, which we are confident will be granted. We remain open to discussing this matter to avoid further legal action, time, and court resources.

Please confirm receipt of this email and provide an update at your earliest opportunity. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kate





Partner kboyle@wagners.co She/Her

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From: Anthony Johnson <<u>anthony@yourattorney.com</u>> Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 12:27 AM To: Kate Boyle <<u>kboyle@wagners.co</u>> Subject: Fwd: FW: Urgent – Unauthorized Solicitation of Canadian Tobacco Claimants

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Anthony Johnson

CEO

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From: Lyle Foster <Lyle.Foster@hmflaw.net>

Date: Mon, Mar 10, 2025 at 12:28 PM

Subject: FW: Urgent – Unauthorized Solicitation of Canadian Tobacco Claimants To: Anthony Johnson (<u>anthony@yourattorney.com</u>) <<u>anthony@yourattorney.com</u>>

Cc: Elisha Patrick < elisha.patrick@hmflaw.net>

Anthony,

See below. We will take no action, unless directed otherwise.

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This is Exhibit "L" referred to in the Affidavit of Kate Boyle affirmed before me on the 21st day of March, 2025.

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From:	Kate Boyle
To:	Anthony Johnson; lyle.foster@hmflaw.net
Cc:	Ray Wagner; Dayna MacGillivray; elisha.patrick@hmflaw.net
Subject:	RE: FW: Urgent – Unauthorized Solicitation of Canadian Tobacco Claimants
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Mr. Johnson and Mr. Foster,

Thank you for confirming the removal of the Attorney Group webpage. However, we note that Facebook advertisements for Attorney Group's tobacco claims solicitation remain active, and so too does the Facebook page (screenshots below). These must also be immediately removed.

Further, in the injunction granted against Actis Law Group, the CCAA Court ordered that Ms. Grass provide PCC Representative Counsel with a list of all individuals who had contacted her firm. Given the identical nature of the unauthorized solicitation in this instance, we are confident that the same relief would be granted here.

Accordingly, we request that you:

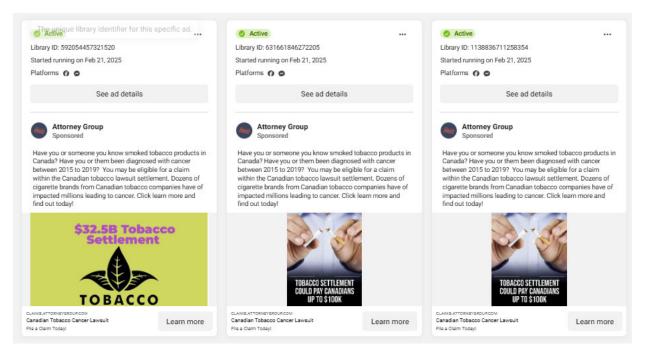
- Provide us with a list of all persons who signed up or provided information through attorneygroup.com or any other Attorney Group platform or advertisement, relating to the Tobacco Lawsuit, including all contact details and other information obtained and/or collected by Attorney Group; or,
- In the alternative, notify all individuals who contacted Attorney Group regarding the tobacco lawsuit, directing them to the official claims agent, Epiq, at info@TobaccoClaimsCanada.ca and the official website www.TobaccoClaimsCanada.ca, so they receive accurate and official information.

We expect immediate removal of the Facebook advertisements and Facebook webpage and confirmation from you by end of day today that this has been or will be done, along with either 1 or 2, above.

Please confirm compliance with these requests by 5 pm EST today.

Thank you,

Kate









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Dear Mr. Johnson and Mr. Foster,

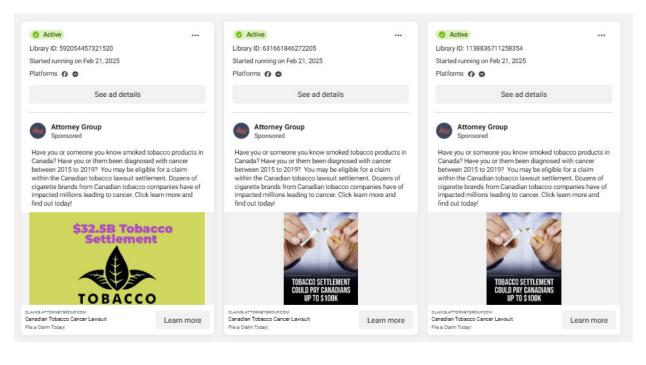
The Meta ads below have not been taken down. If they are not removed immediately—by 1:30 p.m. EST today (12:30 p.m. CT), we will be scheduling an urgent injunction motion before Chief Justice Morawetz of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice to be heard on Thursday, March 20, or Friday, March 21. In that case, we will send you the motion materials by email, along with details for your virtual attendance.

If the Meta ads are removed immediately, but you do not comply with the additional requests set out in our March 7, 2025 letter—including confirming your agreement to cease and desist from any further solicitation of Pan-Canadian Claimants through any medium, including websites, social media, direct outreach, or advertising—we will proceed to schedule a non-urgent injunction motion before Chief Justice Morawetz for a later date.

Please confirm by 1:30 p.m. EST (12:30 p.m. CT) today that the Meta ads have been taken down.

Sincerely,

Kate







Partner kboyle@wagners.co She/Her

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From:	Anthony Johnson
To:	Kate Boyle
Cc:	lyle.foster@hmflaw.net; Ray Wagner; Dayna MacGillivray; elisha.patrick@hmflaw.net
Subject:	Re: Immediate Compliance Required – Meta Ads Removal
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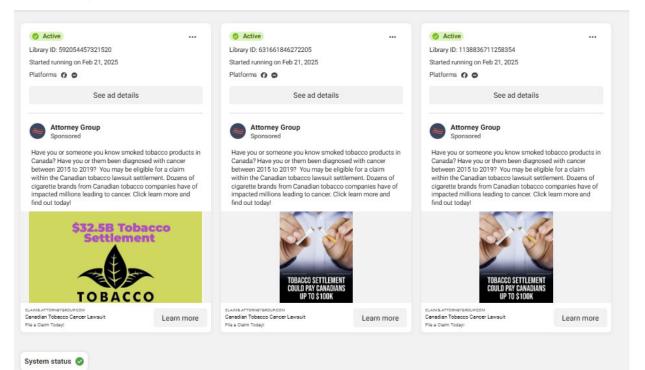
Mr. Johnson and Mr. Foster,

A search of Meta's ad library, which includes all advertisements currently running across Meta technologies, identifies that Attorney Group's Sponsored Meta ads (pictured below) have not been removed and remain "active", meaning they are publicly viewable and accessible.

As outlined in my former email, if you do not comply with the additional requests set out in our March 7, 2025 letter—including confirming your agreement to cease and desist from any further solicitation of Pan-Canadian Claimants through any medium, including websites, social media, direct outreach, or advertising—we intend to schedule an injunction motion before Chief Justice Morawetz to be heard next week. I will be in touch with further details once we hear back regarding Court availability.

Kate

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Raymond F. Wagner, K.C.

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March 4, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Brian Cheaney 5018 Tampa West Blvd Tampa, FL 33634

Dear Mr. Cheaney,

Re: Unauthorized Solicitation of Tobacco Claimants

We write to you in our capacity as Representative Counsel for Canadian victims of tobacco harm - the Pan-Canadian Claimants ("PCCs") - in the ongoing tobacco proceedings under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, RSC 1985, c C-36, as amended ("CCAA"), before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) ("CCAA Court").

On December 9, 2019, we were appointed by the CCAA Court to act as Representative Counsel for the PCCs in the context of these CCAA proceedings. Since that time, we have been actively representing the interests of PCCs, ensuring that their rights are properly protected and advanced within the court-approved process.

It has come to our attention that you are operating a website – <u>www.tobaccoclaims.ca</u> – through BTC TCB, LLC carrying on business as Shine Legal Network ("Shine Legal Network") that solicits claimants to sign up for legal representation in relation to the "Tobacco Settlement Canada 2025".

We wish to bring to your attention that the CCAA Plans of Compromise and Arrangement of each of the Tobacco Companies are currently before Chief Justice Morawetz of the CCAA Court. These CCAA Plans provide for the settlement of claims of tobacco victims suffering from certain tobacco-related diseases and expressly prohibit such solicitation. Section 8.4 of the CCAA Plans states:

8.4 No Solicitation of Pan-Canadian Claimants

No Persons other than the PCC Representative Counsel, their agent Epiq, the Claims Administrator, or any Person specifically authorized by any of the foregoing Persons or by the CCAA Court, shall solicit Pan-Canadian Claimants in order to assist them with the preparation or submission of their PCC Claim Packages under the PCC Compensation Plan.

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From January 29 to 31, 2025, the CCAA Court heard motions seeking, among other relief, Sanction Orders approving each of the Tobacco Companies' CCAA Plans. The Court has reserved its decision.

Although the decision remains under reserve, in December 2024, when another firm falsely held itself out as representing PCCs, the CCAA Court issued an injunction prohibiting such conduct. Copies of the related Endorsement and Order are enclosed for your reference. Specifically, the Court found that:

- Soliciting claimants for legal representation creates confusion and risks undermining claimants' rights. Claimants may mistakenly believe they must retain an outside firm to access compensation when, in fact, the PCC Compensation Plan provides for their claims to be processed without additional legal fees.
- Unauthorized actors interfere with claimants' ability to receive accurate and timely information. This is particularly harmful given the complexity and duration of these proceedings.
- Such conduct disrupts the orderly resolution of the CCAA Proceedings. The Court determined that allowing unauthorized third parties to interject could cause irreparable harm.

We have no reason to believe that any of these considerations have changed in the intervening period.

Accordingly, we require that you:

- 1. Immediately remove all solicitations related to the tobacco settlement and tobacco claims process, including but not limited to the website <u>www.tobaccoclaims.ca</u>, any associated domains, social media posts, online advertisements, and any other public communications encouraging claimants to seek representation, and confirm with us in writing once they have been successfully removed;
- 2. Provide to us the names of all lawyer(s) and/or law firm(s) to whom you and/or Shine Legal Network have directed, or would have directed, any inquiries regarding tobacco claims received through your website, social media, advertising, or any other solicitation efforts;
- 3. Provide us with the list of all persons who signed up or provided information through the website <u>www.tobaccoclaims.ca</u> or any other Shine Legal Network platform, including all contact and other information obtained and/or collected by you and/or Shine Legal Network ("Shine Legal List");
- 4. After completing #3, permanently destroy all copies of the Shine Legal List in your possession, whether in electronic or paper form; and
- 5. Confirm in writing that neither you nor Shine Legal Network, nor any related entity or person, will engage in any further solicitation of Pan-Canadian Claimants, through any medium including websites, social media, direct outreach, or advertising.

Please provide written confirmation of compliance with the above requests, including confirmation of the removal of all solicitations; the list of lawyer(s) and/or law firm(s) to whom inquiries were directed;

and the Shine Legal List, along with confirmation of its destruction, via email, by no later than **Friday**, March 7, 2025, at 4:00 pm EST.

If we do not receive such confirmation, we will have no choice but to pursue all necessary legal remedies, including seeking injunction orders and their enforcement, to protect the integrity of the claims process.

We trust that you will govern yourself accordingly. Should you require any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,

Raymond F. Wagner, K.C. RFW/dm raywagner@wagners.co Enclosures cc: Kate Boyle – kboyle@wagners.co

This is Exhibit "Q" referred to in the Affidavit of Kate Boyle affirmed before me on the 21st day of March, 2025.

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From: Brian Cheaney < > > Date: March 7, 2025 at 12:04:55 PM AST
To: Ray Wagner <<u>raywagner@wagners.co</u>>, Kate Boyle
<<u>kboyle@wagners.co</u>>

Subject: Regarding Correspondence March 5th / Tobacco Claimants

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March 7, 2025

Dear Mr. Wagner,

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated March 5, 2025, regarding solicitation concerns related to the tobacco claims process.

We acknowledge receipt of your letter and confirm that we have fully complied with your requests.

Specifically, please note the following clarifications:

1) We confirm the immediate removal of the website Tobaccoclaims.ca from public access on March 5th. The website was inadvertently made public on March 3, 2025, due to internal oversight. We affirm that no active solicitations, social media posts, advertisements, or public communications were made encouraging claimants to seek legal representation. The website was solely under preliminary development as a speculative proof of concept by our internal team, intended exclusively to demonstrate future marketing possibilities for potential legal clients. It was not intended for public release at this time.

 As the website was in a purely speculative design phase, our company has no contracts or agreements with lawyers or law firms regarding this matter.
 Consequently, we have no list of lawyers or law firms to provide.

3) Despite the website being non-operational, two individuals managed to sign up multiple times on March 4th and March 5th. These names are attached per your request. Please note these sign-ups occurred without solicitation, active advertising, or communication on our part regarding tobacco claims. To the date of this letter, there are no other persons who provided information from this or any other Shine Legal platform regarding tobacco claims.

4) We confirm that all copies of personal information gathered through the

website have been permanently deleted from our records, with the sole exception of the enclosed screenshot provided to you per your request.

5) We confirm that neither Shine Legal Network nor any related entities or individuals will engage in any solicitation of Pan-Canadian Claimants through any medium, including websites, social media, direct outreach, or advertising, unless or until there is a time when such activities are deemed permissible.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely, Brian Cheaney President

BTC TCB, LLC / Shine Legal Network

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ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE COMMERCIAL LIST

THE HONOURABLE)	, the day
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CHIEF JUSTICE MORAWETZ)	

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT,

R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED

AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF **JTI-MACDONALD CORP.**

AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF **IMPERIAL TOBACCO CANADA LIMITED** AND **IMPERIAL TOBACCO COMPANY LIMITED**

AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF **ROTHMANS, BENSON & HEDGES INC.**

ORDER GRANTING INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

THIS MOTION made by PCC Representative Counsel pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. c-36, as amended (the "**CCAA**") for mandatory injunctive relief against AIAG, LLC, carrying on business as Attorney Group, and Mr. Lyle Foster, named incorporator, organizer and registered agent, and Mr. Anthony Johnson, named principal (collectively, the "Attorney Group") was made this day in Toronto, Ontario.

ON READING PCC Representative Counsel's Notice of Motion, the Affidavit of Kate Boyle dated March 21, 2025 ("**Boyle Affidavit**"), together with the exhibits thereto;

ON NOTING that the Third Amended and Restated Plan of Compromise and Arrangement in each of the CCAA proceedings ("**CCAA Plans**") expressly prohibits the solicitation of Pan-Canadian Claimants ("**PCCs**") under Section 8.4 thereof, which states as follows:

No Persons other than the PCC Representative Counsel, their agent Epiq, the Claims Administrator, or any Person specifically authorized by any of the foregoing Persons or by the CCAA Court, shall solicit Pan-Canadian Claimants in order to assist them with the preparation or submission of their PCC Claim Packages under the PCC Compensation Plan.

AND ON HEARING the submissions of PCC Representative Counsel, Quebec Class Counsel, and other such counsel requesting to be heard, all other parties having been duly served with the Motion Record;

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the time for service of the Notice of Motion and the Motion Record herein is hereby abridged and validated so that this Motion is properly returnable today and hereby dispenses with further service thereof.

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that all capitalized terms used herein, unless herein otherwise defined, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Boyle Affidavit and the CCAA Plans.

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the request for mandatory interlocutory injunctive relief is granted.

4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the injunctive relief granted hereunder shall remain in effect until the completion of the Claims Process under the Pan-Canadian Claimants' Compensation Plan ("**PCC Compensation Plan**"), including the administration and distribution of all funds thereunder to Claimants, or until otherwise ordered by this Court. 5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that Attorney Group shall immediately take down and remove, and/or and shall continue to ensure that the following remain inaccessible:

- (a) the webpage found at the following link: <u>https://claim.attorneygroup.com/canadian-tobacco-lawsuit/</u>, including any identical or substantially similar webpage, regardless of whether it has been temporarily or permanently removed;
- (b) the Facebook page found at the following link: <u>https://www.facebook.com/TobaccoClaims/</u>, including any associated or successor social media pages, advertisements, or solicitations that are identical or substantially similar in content, regardless of whether it has been temporarily or permanently removed;
- (c) any other webpages, websites, social media posts, online advertisements, and any other public communications whatsoever relating to the Canadian Tobacco Lawsuit, the Tobacco Settlement and the claims and distribution processes under the CCAA Plans or the PCC Compensation Plan, for the purpose of soliciting PCCs for representation or to assist them with the preparation or submission of their PCC Claim Packages under the PCC Compensation Plan;

(collectively the "Attorney Group Solicitations").

6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** Attorney Group to cease and desist from soliciting PCCs in connection with the CCAA Plans, including the PCC Compensation Plan and/or any compensation due thereunder;

7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** Attorney Group to provide PCC Representative Counsel with the list of all persons who signed up or provided information through the Attorney Group Solicitations, including all contact and other information obtained and/or collected by Attorney Group (the "Attorney Group List") by March 28, 2025, at 3 pm (EST).

8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** Attorney Group to destroy all copies of the Attorney Group List in their possession, whether in electronic or paper form, by no later than March 28, 2025, at 5 pm (EST).

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9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order shall apply to any persons or entities with knowledge or notice of this Order, and upon such knowledge or notice, such persons or entities shall:

- (a) immediately take down and remove any solicitations of PCCs and *Blais* Class Members, including but not limited to any websites, social media posts, advertisements, or other public communications in connection with the CCAA Plans, the PCC Compensation Plan, the Quebec Administration Plan, or any compensation due thereunder; and
- (b) immediately cease and desist from soliciting PCCs and *Blais* Class Members in connection with the CCAA Plans, the PCC Compensation Plan, the Quebec Administration Plan, or any compensation due thereunder.

10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that PCC Representative Counsel are relieved from the requirement to provide an undertaking as to damages in respect of the Order sought.

AID AND RECOGNITION

11. **THIS COURT HEREBY REQUESTS** the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body or agency having jurisdiction in Canada or in any other foreign jurisdiction, to give effect to this Order. All courts, tribunals, regulatory and administrative bodies and agencies are hereby respectfully requested to make such Orders and to provide such assistance, as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this Order.

Chief Justice Geoffrey B. Morawetz

IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT*, R.S.C. 1985, c.C-36, AS AMENDED AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF: JTI-MACDONALD CORP. IMPERIAL TOBACCO CANADA LIMITED AND IMPERIAL TOBACCO COMPANY LIMITED ROTHMANS, BENSON & HEDGES INC.

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MOTION RECORD PCC Representative Counsel's Motion for Injunctive Relief (Returnable March 26, 2025)

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