

Important Notice Regarding Accutane® Class Action

On October 8, 2010, Brad Stevenson commenced a proposed class proceeding, with Merchant Law Group as counsel, against Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd. alleging that Accutane®, a prescription drug marketed by the Defendant, caused inflammatory diseases of the intestines (including, but not limited to, colitis, Crohn's disease, inflammatory bowel syndrome, and inflammatory bowel disease). Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd. denies all of the allegations made against it in the claim.

Mr. Stevenson does not intend to continue with the claim. The Ontario Superior Court of Justice has approved the dismissal of this proceeding, and it will stand as dismissed as of July 12, 2021.

You should read this notice to learn about your options.

Other Class Proceedings

Similar proposed class proceedings were launched by Plaintiffs represented by Merchant Law Group in British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Québec, and Newfoundland and Labrador. The Québec proceeding was dismissed on June 27, 2013. The Plaintiffs in the British Columbia and Newfoundland and Labrador proceedings, like Mr. Stevenson, intend to discontinue their actions. Proceedings launched by other law firms in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador have been or are in the process of being discontinued or dismissed.

The only active proposed class proceeding in Canada regarding the issues raised by this action is the Saskatchewan proceeding, where the Plaintiff has sought certification as a class action on behalf of:

Individuals who were prescribed and ingested Accutane, RoAccutane, Accutane Roche, or Clarus in Canada, and were thereafter diagnosed with ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease.

(the "**Saskatchewan Class**")

The application to certify the proceeding as a class action was argued by the lawyers in January 2020. The Court's decision has not yet been released. There is no guarantee that the Saskatchewan action will be certified as a class action, and there is no timeline for when the decision may be released.

Individual Lawsuits

While this proposed class action was pending, limitation periods (time limits) for starting individual actions in Ontario against the Defendant were suspended.

YOU SHOULD TAKE NOTICE THAT, except as described below, once the *Stevenson* action is dismissed, the limitation periods for bringing a claim on your own will start to run again if they were suspended. If you are among those described by the Saskatchewan Class (above), the continued existence of the pending Saskatchewan proceeding *may* continue any tolling or suspension of applicable limitation periods. However, there is no guarantee that the Saskatchewan action will be certified as a class action, and there is no timeline for when the decision may be released.

Upon the expiry of a limitation period, you may lose your right to sue. If you wish to pursue your own action against Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd., then, if you have not already done so, you should consult with your own lawyer about this, as you may need to take steps to protect your rights.

Questions?

If you have any questions about any of the information in this notice, please contact Merchant Law Group (<http://www.merchantlaw.com>) or call 306-359-7777.

This notice has been approved by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.