

Immigrant Detainee Class Action Certified

Koskie Minsky LLP and Henein Hutchison LLP have commenced a class action against the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario alleging human rights violations relating to the treatment of immigrant detainees in Ontario's prisons.

The statement of claim issued on August 11, 2016 alleges, among other things, that the Canada Border Services Agency and the Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services have been negligent, have breached their fiduciary duties and have breached the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms in incarcerating immigrant detainees in Ontario's correctional facilities.

The class includes all migrants detained by the Canada Border Services Agency and incarcerated in a provincial prison between December, 2003 and the present. The Plaintiffs' lawyers believe that thousands of people will be included in this class proceeding.

Godday Dadzie, an Ivory Coast national incarcerated in the Central East Correctional Centre in Lindsay, Ontario, and Al Zeekemens, a Liberian national incarcerated in Maplehurst Correctional Complex in Milton, Ontario are the proposed representative plaintiffs.

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Justice Glustein certified this class action as a class proceeding.

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