

Press Release: Deadline to File Claim in Copyright Case Extended

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A historic settlement has been reached between freelance writer Heather Robertson and several major Canadian media outlets in a class action lawsuit concerning e-rights for writers. Under the terms of the settlement, which was approved by the Superior Court of Ontario on August 12, 2009, the defendants have agreed to pay \$11 million.

Over 350 Canadian publications were cited in the case, including *The Globe and Mail*, *Maclean's*, *Chatelaine*, *Canadian Geographic*, *Toronto Life* and now defunct *Saturday Night* magazine. Freelance writers and artists who contributed to any of the specified media outlets may be eligible to claim settlement money. Staff writers are not eligible to participate in the settlement.

The deadline for filing a claim with Cole & Partners, the claims administrator, has been extended by Order of the Court to March 30, 2010, at 5:00 p.m., Toronto time. Class members must file a duly completed Claim Form with Cole & Partners by that date in order to participate in the claims process.

Further information concerning the Settlement can be obtained by contacting Class Counsel, Koskie Minsky LLP, or Cole & Partners, the Court appointed Claims Administrator.

Koskie Minsky can be reached, toll-free, at 1-866-777-6323 or robertsonvthomson@kmlaw.ca. Cole & Partners can be reached at 416-361-2590, or Claimsadministrator@coleandpartners.com.

Claim forms can be downloaded at www.kmlaw.ca/robertsonvthomson.