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CLASS ACTION FOR ABUSE AT PROVINCIAL SCHOOL FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

On February 22, 2011, a proposed class action was commenced relating to abuse of former students of the W. Ross MacDonald School for the Visually Impaired and Deafblind. W. Ross MacDonald is an elementary and secondary provincial school located in Brantford, Ontario. It is administered by the Provincial Schools Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Education.

The case involves allegations that the Ontario Crown failed to operate or supervise W. Ross MacDonald so as to ensure the safety and well-being of its vulnerable students, most of whom lived in residence during the school year. It is alleged that those caring for the students at W. Ross MacDonald often approached them with contempt, prejudice and indifference; they engaged in abusive conduct, often taking advantage of the visual disabilities of students.

The former students were children with disabilities when they attended W. Ross MacDonald. Most lived in residence at the school and many were far from their families. It is alleged the Crown was solely responsible for their care and supervision, acting in a quasi-parental role, but it failed in its obligations to students.

The action was commenced by Robert Seed, a former student who attended the school from 1954 to 1965, and his counsel Koskie Minsky LLP, a leading Canadian class action law firm.

For further information or a copy of the issued statement of claim please contact Koskie Minsky LLP at 1-888-233-2852 or at WRossMacDonaldclassaction@kmlaw.ca.

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