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## CLASS ACTION LAUNCHED AGAINST HILLY ACRE FARMS

On today's date Mr. Bob Buckingham, of Bob Buckingham Law, announced his firm has launched a class action respecting the recent outbreak of salmonella poisoning caused by eggs produced at Hilly Acre Farms, in Nova Scotia.

On October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (updated on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020) the Canadian Food Inspection Agency issued a Food Recall and Notification advising that eggs produced at Hilly Acre Farms were being recalled due to Salmonella contamination. These eggs were sold under various brand names, including Compliments, No Name, Great Value, Maritime Pride, Nova Eggs, Nova Eggs Ultra, Farmer John Eyking and Eyking Delite.

Mr. Buckingham's firm was contacted and asked to represent several members of the public who consumed the contaminated eggs and were subsequently diagnosed and treated for salmonella poisoning.

Mr. Buckingham noted "The clients who have retained our firm to date suffered severe symptoms of salmonella poisoning, resulting in extended admissions to hospital and in some instances many months of antibiotic treatment."

Mr. Buckingham said "The Public Health Agency of Canada confirmed 25 cases of salmonella poisoning in this province linked to eggs produced by Hilly Acre Farms. However, there may be other members of the public who developed less severe symptoms of salmonella poisoning but did not receive a formal diagnosis."

"Anyone who was diagnosed with salmonella poisoning, or developed symptoms consistent with salmonella poisoning after consuming eggs subject to this recall can contact our firm for more information" said Mr. Buckingham.

Mr. Buckingham's office has setup a Salmonella Poisoning Class Action Registration (Hilly Acre Farms) form on his webpage. Potential class members can sign up on the webpage.

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## Background - Bob Buckingham

Mr. Buckingham is co-counsel with Mr. Andrew May on the Western Health Authority Privacy Breach Class Action going to trial in 2021. He is co-counsel with Mr. Eli Baker on a Privacy Breach Class action against Central Health Class. He is counsel on the Eastern Health Authority Privacy Breach Class Action.

Mr. Buckingham is counsel for individuals in a pending class action against Kiewit Construction arising from the theft of a laptop from the car of a Kiewit staff in Montreal. It is believed there may be as many as fifteen thousand people in that class.

Mr. Buckingham was one of the lead counsel in the Canada Student Loans breach of privacy class action, which was the largest successful privacy breach class action in the country.

In addition to his extensive criminal practice Mr. Buckingham also represents survivors of institutional sexual abuse, such as Mount Cashel actions against Dr. Stephen Collins and the United Church.

Buckingham Law is co-counsel with Budden & Associates in a Class Action case challenging Covid-a9 mobility restrictions of businesses and property owners, which is presently in the Court of Appeal

More information on this Class Action can be obtained from Mr. Bob Buckingham of Bob Buckingham Law, 81 Bond Street, St. John's, Newfoundland (709) 739-6688 (phone), (709) 739-6686 (fax), and <u>bob@buckinghamlaw.ca</u>. Please visit <u>www.buckinghamlaw.ca</u> to register for the class action.

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