

CONSENT FORM

You are invited to participate in a research project. This document provides information on the terms and conditions of this project. By clicking on "I consent" and answering the questionnaire, you consent to participate in this research. **For your records, you are invited to print or download a copy of this form.**

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Title of Project: Class Actions in Canada: Taking Stock and Assessing Potential Reforms, REB # 24-10-031

Sponsors: The project is being carried out in partnership with the Quebec Institute for Law and Justice Reform and the Uniform Law Conference of Canada.

Purpose of the Study: The study's purpose is to document the perspective of justice system actors (judges, lawyers, professors) who work in the field of class actions concerning: various aspects of this procedure; the desirability of reforming the applicable legislative framework; and the nature of some potential reforms.

Study Procedures: You are invited to complete an online questionnaire. The questionnaire takes about **15 minutes** to complete. The first questions relate to your background and experience in class actions. The other questions will address various contemporary issues in class actions and collect your views on the appropriateness and nature of potential reforms.

Voluntary Participation: Your participation in this study is voluntary. You may refuse to participate or answer any questions and withdraw from the study at any time for any reason. If you withdraw from the study before submitting your responses, your responses will be destroyed. However, it will not be possible to withdraw from the study after you have submitted your answers since the anonymity of the study will prevent us from identifying your data.

Potential Risks: There are no anticipated risks to you by participating in this study. We strongly encourage you to use a personal computer that is not connected to your

employer's server to complete the survey. This will ensure that your employer cannot find out about your participation in the study. Measures will also be taken to ensure the confidentiality of any socio-demographic data we collect that may pose a minimal risk of indirect identification (see section about confidentiality below).

Potential Benefits: Participation in this study will not give you any direct benefit. However, it will contribute to documenting the perspective of legal professionals on class action reforms and inform the work of the Uniform Law Conference of Canada on this topic.

Compensation: We do not offer any compensation for participation in this study.

Confidentiality: Your participation in this survey is entirely anonymous and no directly identifiable information will be collected. Some socio-demographic information about your experience and background will be collected. Cross-referencing this data could indirectly identify you in some rare cases, such as if you practice in a province where few lawyers specialize in class actions.

To preserve your confidentiality, the data collected through this questionnaire will be exported and stored in a password-protected file on McGill University's servers (*OneDrive*). This server allows documents to be kept safe and to control access. Only the principal investigator and his research assistants will have access to this file, which will be kept on this server indefinitely. Data will never be shared in individualized form.

Dissemination of Results: The results will be shared in anonymized and aggregated form through a report that will be submitted to the Uniform Law Conference of Canada and may be made public on its website. They will then lead to the publication of a scientific article. This way, you will have access to the survey results for free. They will also be available as of September 2025 by contacting the researcher at the contact information below.

Questions: If you have any questions about this project, please contact Jérémy Boulanger-Bonnely (514.396.1040 or jeremy.boulanger-bonnely@mcgill.ca).

If you have any ethical concerns or complaints about your participation in this study, and want to speak with someone not on the research team, please contact the Research Ethics Board Office, daniel.tesolin@mcgill.ca or 514.398.5410, citing REB file number 24-10-031.

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