

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT RILEY SAUNDERS CLASS ACTION

If you were a child in care of the British Columbia Ministry of Children and Family Development (“MCFD”) and after April 1, 2001 your care was assigned to Robert Riley Saunders for a period of 90 consecutive days or more, you should read this notice carefully.

This class action has settled and the settlement was approved by the Supreme Court of British Columbia on October 23, 2020.

The settlement agreement provides compensation to children harmed in care by a social worker, Robert Riley Saunders, who was employed by the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

You are affected by this class action if you were subject to a continuing custody order, a temporary custody order, an agreement with a youth, a voluntary care agreement or a special needs agreement under the *Child, Family and Community Service Act* (“CFCSA”) and, on or after April 1, 2001, were assigned to the caseload of Robert Riley Saunders for at least 90 consecutive days while under the age of 19.

The terms of the settlement provide for payment to Class Members without proof of harm for the following Basic Payments:

- \$25,000 for all Class Members; and
- An additional \$44,000 for all Class Members who were Indigenous Children (for a total payment of \$69,000).

In addition to the Basic Payments, Class Members may apply for Elevated Damages for increased harms caused or contributed by Saunders using a simplified procedure. Please contact Class Counsel for assistance with the application process. Elevated Damages are payable for:

- homelessness (\$25,000);
- psychological harm (\$45,000);
- sexual exploitation (\$75,000);
- educational delay (\$20,000-\$50,000); and
- bodily harm (\$15,000).

The maximum amount in total for Elevated Damages for an individual is \$181,000. The maximum combined total award for Basic Payments and Elevated Damages for an individual is \$250,000. Legal fees in the amount of 12.5% plus GST and PST will be deducted from Basic Payments and Elevated Damages.

For more information go to www.gratlandcompany.com, email saundersclassaction@gratlandcompany.com or call 604-694-1919/1-866-230-2752 (from Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) to speak to legal counsel or an administrator.