## NOTICE OF HEARING OF AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

A settlement agreement (Agreement) has been reached to fully and finally resolve a class action alleging non-compliance with Article 525 of the *Criminal Code* (*Martin v. AGQ*, 500-06-000991-196).

Persons detained between March 29, 2016, and June 21, 2019, for a continuous period of more than 90 days (for an indictable charge) or more than 30 days (for a summary conviction charge), without the jailer asking a judge to hold a hearing to examine the necessity of continued pre-trial detention, may be affected by this Agreement.

The Agreement provides for the payment of a lump sum of \$25 million by the Attorney General of Québec, which will enable each eligible class member to receive compensation in an amount up to \$3,049. The Agreement also provides that a Court-appointed administrator will identify eligible class members based in particular on the official court dockets and automatically compensate them. Members will not otherwise have to prove their claim. The full Agreement can be consulted on these Websites: <a href="https://www.coupalchauvelot.com/">https://www.coupalchauvelot.com/</a>, <a href="https://kklex.com/">https://kklex.com/</a>, and <a href="https://www.registredesactionscollectives.guebec/">https://www.registredesactionscollectives.guebec/</a>.

A hearing will take place on **December 9, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in room 16.06** of the Montreal Courthouse to determine whether to approve the Agreement. During this hearing, class counsel will also be seeking approval of class counsel fees for the work they have done on this case over the past five years. **Members are not required to attend the hearing to benefit from the Agreement**.

A member who wishes to make representations at the approval hearing is requested to provide, before <u>December 2, 2024 at 4 p.m.</u>, a letter to class counsel indicating: (a) their name, address, telephone number, and email address; (b) a statement that the person believes that they are a member covered by the Agreement; (c) a brief statement of the nature and reasons for the objection or representations; (d) if they intend to appear at the approval hearing; and (e) if represented by a lawyer, the lawyer's name and contact information.

If a member wishes to make representations to the Superior Court of Quebec in order to object to the approval, they must appear in person or via Microsoft Teams on **December 9, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in room 16.06** of the Montreal Courthouse, located at 1 Notre-Dame Street East in Montreal. The hyperlink to join the hearing is: <a href="https://coursuperieureduquebec.ca/en/roles-of-the-court/virtual-hearings">https://coursuperieureduquebec.ca/en/roles-of-the-court/virtual-hearings</a> (select Teams Permanent Links, Montreal's Division). A member may object without a lawyer. If the member wishes to be represented by a lawyer, they may retain legal services at their own expense. A member who has not sent a letter to class counsel by the above deadline may still present their objections to Court.

For more information, you may contact class counsel free of charge by phone at 514-903-3390 or 514-878-2861 or by email at <a href="mailto:victor@coupalchauvelot.com">victor@coupalchauvelot.com</a> or <a href="mailto:info@kklex.com">info@kklex.com</a>.

THIS NOTICE WAS APPROVED BY THE HONOURABLE MARIE-CHRISTINE HIVON, J.C.S.