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Tainted Salad Victims Launch Class Action Lawsuit

OTTAWA, June 4, 2002—Nelligan O'Brien Payne today announced that it has commenced a class action suit on behalf of individuals who became ill as a result of eating contaminated Greek-style pasta salad produced by Tiffany Gate Foods and distributed by various grocery stores in Ontario. The class also seeks damages under the *Family Law Act* for immediate family members of those who became ill.

The suit is aimed at retrieving compensation for the victims and their families in order to cover damages resulting from loss of work and out-of-pocket expenses.

“Although compensation is being sought from the grocery stores which sold the tainted salad that was contaminated with *shigella sonnei* bacteria, we know that our concern for the victims is shared by those stores in light of this unfortunate event,” states Peter R. Merchant of the offices of Nelligan O'Brien Payne, the lawyer managing the class action.

According to recent media reports, several hundred people throughout Ontario have become ill or have had family members become ill as a result of the tainted salad.

A special information page on this case has been posted to the Nelligan O'Brien Payne Web site at www.nelligan.ca.

For information about how to participate in the class action suit, please call (613) 231 8208.

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