

## Request a class action against IQT Ontario

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Photo: Alex Boissonneault IQT offices in Oshawa

Two laid-off employees of the former call center in Oshawa IQT Solutions filed a request for class action against the American company.

The firm <u>declared bankruptcy</u> in Canada last month without prior notice, laying off 600 employees in Oshawa and many workers in Laval and Trois-Rivieres.

The company they have never paid their last two weeks of work and have received no severance pay or vacation pay.

The two complainants, the former supervisor and the employee Bob Brigaitis Cindy Rupert, asking \$ 20 million in unpaid salary and allowances on behalf of their colleagues in Ontario, plus punitive damages of 10 million.

Mr. Brigaitis said in a statement that "all employees of IQT were shocked to be treated this way after many years of loyal service."

He added that the prosecution intended to deter any other company to do so.



Photo: Brian Corriveau Félix-Laid-off employees of the company in Oshawa IQT protesting against abrupt termination (archives).

Toronto lawyers who represent plaintiffs, indicates that many employees were employed by IQT for 10 years, when they were suddenly fired on July 15.

The suit alleges that managers and shareholders of the company intentionally violated the law on labor standards.

A court will decide if the request for class action can proceed.

IQT offered such support services to customers for Bell Canada.