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Toronto law firm McPhadden Samac Merner Barry announced today that it has commenced a class action law suit against the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation and the Interprovincial Lottery Corporation.

Named as plaintiff in the action is Mr. Boleslaw Karchut of Etobicoke who says he is an avid lottery player.

The claim is on behalf of all persons who purchased the defendants' lottery tickets in Ontario since 1975. The claim relates to the recent public allegations of systemic problems with numerous lotteries such as "Lotto 649", "Super 7" and "Cash for Life" and others.

The amount of the claim is \$1.1 billion, including \$100 million in punitive damages.

"The two primary objectives of the lawsuit are behaviour modification by the lottery corporations and a fair opportunity for ticket purchasers to win prizes allegedly taken or misdirected by others, such as retailers" said Bryan McPhadden, one of the plaintiff's lawyers.

A novel resolution of the claim is proposed, namely that free lotteries be held for the amount awarded or agreed upon by way of settlement. Every person purchasing a lottery

ticket over the next six months would be given a comparable free ticket for the free lotteries.

“Mr. Karchut feels personally wronged and has stepped forward to seek redress for himself and all others similarly affected”, added co-counsel Zoran Samac.

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