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## **INFECTED LENS SOLUTION CLASS ACTION GIVEN COURT APPROVAL**

The Supreme Court of British Columbia has certified an action against Advanced Medical Optics to include residents of Newfoundland and Labrador. The [decision](#) was handed down on May 26, 2009.

In May 2007, AMO, the makers of a contact lens solution with a Canadian drug identification number, announced a global recall of their contact lens solution.

The cause of the recall was a connection between the contact lens solution and a significant increased risk for contact lens wearers of developing a condition known as Acanthamoeba keratitis (AK). AK, an extremely painful and debilitating eye infection which can result in blindness, is caused by a parasite which can invade and attack the cornea. Locally, class members are represented by Ches Crosbie Barristers. The firm took a class action against AMO in Newfoundland and Labrador, but advised the 10 members of the Newfoundland and Labrador class that opting into the British Columbia class action would likely save costs. Representative plaintiff Travis Harris of St. John's filed an affidavit expressing a desire to be included in the British Columbia class action.

“The certification has enhanced the chances of a reasonable settlement for all contact lens users infected by the AMO product”, said Newfoundland lawyer Ches Crosbie.

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