

Taxi permit refund

CLASS ACTIONS ON THE HIGHWAY

MONTREAL, Tuesday, October 15, 2019 – Following the adoption of Bill 17, Trivium avocats and Trudel Johnston & Lespérance, accompanied by Myriam Moussignac and Wilerne Bernard, announce that they will ask the court to proceed as soon as possible in the class actions filed against the Minister of Transport and Uber so that taxi owners and drivers are fully and quickly compensated.

"The real legal debate is beginning and we will be doubling our efforts to argue the main legal issues as soon as possible. There are several issues to be resolved, including the responsibility of the government and Uber for the loss of income of the taxi owners and drivers since 2014, as well as the expropriation of taxi permit sanctioned by the adoption of Bill 17. We want to obtain the full amount to which taxi owners and drivers are entitled," explains Marc-Antoine Cloutier, partner and president of Trivium avocats.

Many taxi owners are still indebted to financial institutions by tens of thousands of dollars and will continue to be so despite the financial assistance announced by the Minister of Transport, must remove from their personal balance sheets an asset that weighed over \$200,000 and must also prepare to see their revenues decline even further following the adoption of Bill 17.

"We are committed to all taxi licence holders to defend them against the injustice they face. We will not accept that the government alone decide the amount of equitable compensation payable," concluded Me Cloutier.

The government has chosen not to settle the class actions against it and Uber in the context of the adoption of Bill 17. In a judgment rendered on September 9, 2019, the Superior Court of Quebec refused to decide the impact that the distribution of a sum of money outside its authority would have, relaying this debate to the trial on the merits of the case. It should be recalled that last Tuesday evening, the Minister of Transport submitted an amendment to the bill that would have unilaterally ended the legal proceedings undertaken by the taxi industry to obtain full compensation, but then quickly withdrew it on Wednesday morning.

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