



Update On Class Action Against Bayer And Syngenta

In case you've been up to your ears in beeswax, we wanted to let you know that Siskinds law firm is representing beekeepers in a class action against pesticide manufacturers, Bayer and Syngenta.

Just to remind people, a class action lawsuit is a way to have disputes resolved in a low-risk, low-cost way and to even the playing field between big, well resourced companies and individuals.

Siskinds has agreed to take on this case on a contingency basis, meaning that they are only paid if a settlement or court award is achieved. Fees would then be paid out of the settlement or award, likely around 25%.

We've been gratified at the media response and the encouragement from our various partners and supporters from around the world. More than 100 Ontario beekeepers have followed up in this first week and we expect many more.

Joining the action requires little effort. Those wishing to join simply sign on to the claim. There is a formal agreement for everyone detailing all terms of the process. You will not be required to provide any documentation until the case has been resolved either through settlement or court award. It's important, though to keep good records and receipts.

The OBA was instrumental in bringing the parties together, however only individual beekeepers

will be a part of the class action suit. The OBA will not be involved in any legal actions nor will it benefit from any settlement.

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