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**Proposed Sexual Abuse Class Action Against The Scarborough Hospital and Jacobo Joffe**

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The law firm McPhadden Samac Merner Tuovi has commenced a proposed class action against former doctor Jacobo Joffe and The Scarborough Hospital (“TSH”) on behalf of a former patient of the hospital and all other former TSH patients who allege they were sexually abused by Joffe while he was working at the hospital.

It is believed Joffe performed hundreds of bariatric surgical procedures on women at TSH, starting in 1999.

In December 2008, following a lengthy investigation, the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons revoked Joffe’s licence to practice medicine in Ontario. In that proceeding, allegations were made by four former patients of Joffe. Joffe entered a plea of no contest in the proceeding by the College.

The amount claimed in the action is the sum of \$12,000,000.

The proposed representative plaintiff, said: “I am relieved that the action has now been commenced. It brings us one step closer to achieving justice for all women affected. I hope the case encourages other women who have been reluctant to come forward to now do so.”

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