

**Canadian Class Action Commenced by Owners of
Dell Inspiron Notebooks**

TORONTO, January 12, 2007 – A national class action has been commenced on behalf of Canadians who own the following Dell Inspiron notebooks: 1100, 1150, 5100, 5150 or 5160.

The claim seeks compensation as a result of alleged defects in these Dell notebooks. The defendant named in the lawsuit is Dell Canada Inc. A similar action in the United States involving the Dell Inspiron 5150 was recently settled; however, ongoing litigation involving the four other models continues.

The claim, filed with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, alleges that Dell was negligent in the design of the notebooks, and that Dell knew or ought to have known of the inherent defects in the notebooks' design but nevertheless sold, marketed and distributed the notebooks in Canada. As alleged in the claim, the fundamental problem with the Dell Inspiron Computers involves design defects that make the computers susceptible to overheating and premature motherboard failure. The failures involving these Dell notebooks often occur just outside of the standard one-year warranty period.

"Many people rely on their notebook computers as a means of earning a living and for educational purposes", said Joel P. Rochon, a partner at *Rochon Genova LLP*. "This action seeks to deliver fair compensation to Canadian consumers who own these computers."

The proposed representative plaintiff, Thad Griffin of Aurora, Ontario, stated: "I do not believe that I should be forced to spend hundreds of dollars to fix the defective motherboard, when Dell should have known about this problem at the time they initially sold the computer".

The allegations raised in the claim have not yet been proven in court. The plaintiff and the prospective class members are represented by the firm of *Rochon Genova LLP*. For more information, please contact:

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