



Harvey Norman Class Action
Jonathan Wong and Constantinos Daglas v Harvey Norman Holdings Ltd

Anor

Supreme Court of Victoria

Case: S ECI 2024 04990

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FUNDING INFORMATION SUMMARY STATEMENT

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1. How is the class action funded?

This class action is being conducted by Maurice Blackburn and its agent, Echo Law.

The lead plaintiffs and group members will not be asked to pay anything upfront.

Costs will be payable if the class action is successful, either through a judgment of the Court or a settlement (which is where the defendants agree to pay compensation without the need for a trial). Costs can only be paid if they are approved by the Court as being fair and reasonable.

The lead plaintiffs intend to apply to the Court for a Group Costs Order. A Group Costs Order is an order of the Court in which the legal costs payable to the law practice representing the lead plaintiffs and group members are calculated as a percentage of any settlement amount or compensation awarded by the Court. The percentage needs to be approved by the Court as being appropriate or necessary to ensure that justice is done in the case.

If a Group Costs Order is made it will govern the costs to be charged by the lead plaintiffs' lawyers. This can only be changed by another Court order.

Maurice Blackburn and Echo Law are acting on a 'no win no fee' basis until the Court makes its decision on the lead plaintiffs' application for a Group Costs Order. If a Group Costs Order is not made, the lawyers may elect to continue the proceeding on a no win no fee basis, procure litigation funding or terminate its retainer.

Maurice Blackburn has entered into a Costs Sharing Agreement with CF FLA Australia Investments 4 Pty Ltd so that the risks and costs of conducting the class action as well as any returns are shared between them.

It is important to note that the Costs Sharing Agreement will not affect the amount of recovery that is returned to group members pursuant to any Group Costs Order.

2. How are legal fees and disbursements charged?

The legal fees and disbursements for the class action are 'conditional', meaning that they only need to be paid if the case is successful. Before any legal fees or disbursements are paid, they must be approved by the Court as fair and reasonable. Legal fees and disbursements will never exceed a group member's compensation amount.

If the class action is successful, the legal fees and disbursements for running the case will be charged in one of two ways:

- (a) If the Court makes a Group Costs Order (see 1 above), the lead plaintiffs' lawyers will be paid a percentage of the compensation awarded by the Court or agreed to in a settlement. The percentage is set by the Court.
- (b) Otherwise, if the Court does not make a Group Costs Order, the lead plaintiffs' legal costs will be calculated using time-based billing for professional fees, with disbursements charged at cost (for example, fees for experts and barristers), with interest and an uplift fee – these can only be paid if they are approved by the Court as fair and reasonable.

If the class action is successful, legal fees and disbursements for running the case will be shared among the lead plaintiffs and all group members.

If the class action is not successful, the lead plaintiffs and group members will not be asked to pay the lawyers' costs or disbursements. Also, group members cannot be pursued for costs by any defendant in the class action, because the *Supreme Court Act 1986* (Vic) prohibits this in class actions.

3. Who can group members contact for further information about the case?

The best source of information about the Harvey Norman Class Action is the Maurice Blackburn [website](https://www.mauriceblackburn.com.au/harveynormanclassaction).

Group members can contact Maurice Blackburn for more information at no out-of-pocket cost.

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