

# NOTICE

## IF YOU WERE A STUDENT AT A COMPUTERTRAINING.COM OR COMPUTERTRAINING.EDU SCHOOL, A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS.

*A court authorized this notice.*

*This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.*

**YOU ARE NOT BEING SUED.**

- Former students of ComputerTraining.com and ComputerTraining.edu schools (the “Plaintiffs”) filed a lawsuit against ComputerTraining.com, Inc., ComputerTraining.edu, LLC (f/k/a ComputerTraining.com, LLC), their parent company CTCI Corp, and their subsidiaries (collectively referred to as “ComputerTraining”) alleging claims for breach of contract, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, and other claims as a result of the abrupt closure of all ComputerTraining schools on December 31, 2009.
- The Court is allowing the lawsuit to be a class action on behalf of two groups of ComputerTraining students: (1) those who were enrolled at ComputerTraining at the time the schools closed on December 31, 2009 (referred to as the “Enrolled Class”), and (2) those who had completed a training program at ComputerTraining prior to December 31, 2009 (referred to as the “Graduate Class”). Together, the Enrolled Class and the Graduate Class will be referred to as the “Class” or the “Plaintiffs.”
- There is no money available now, and no guarantee there will be. However, your legal rights are affected, and you have a choice to make now:

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS LAWSUIT	
DO NOTHING	<b>Stay in this lawsuit. Await the outcome. Give up certain rights.</b> By staying in this lawsuit, you have the possibility of getting money or benefits that may come from this lawsuit or a settlement, but you have the risk that you will not get any money or benefit from the lawsuit. By staying in this lawsuit, you give up any rights to sue ComputerTraining separately about the same legal claims in this lawsuit. By doing nothing now, you will become a party to this lawsuit and join in the Plaintiffs’ theory for recovery.
ASK TO BE EXCLUDED	<b>Get out of this lawsuit. Get no benefits from it. Keep rights.</b> If you ask to be excluded and money or benefits are later awarded, you won’t share in those. But, you keep any rights to sue ComputerTraining separately about the same legal claims in this lawsuit.

Your legal rights and these options are explained in more detail in this notice. To ask to be excluded, you must act before **January 15, 2012**. Also, students who wish to get their own lawyer must do so by that same date.

- If money or benefits are obtained from ComputerTraining, you will be notified about how to ask for a share. If money or benefits are not obtained from ComputerTraining, you will be notified of that as well.
- **After reading this notice, if you still have questions, visit:**

**[WWW.COMPUTERTRAININGCLASSACTION.COM](http://WWW.COMPUTERTRAININGCLASSACTION.COM)**

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### BASIC INFORMATION

#### **1. Why did I get this notice?**

ComputerTraining's records or other information indicate that you were a student at one of the ComputerTraining schools in the past. This notice explains that the Court has allowed, or "certified," a class action lawsuit that may affect you. You have legal rights and options that you may exercise before the Court holds a hearing. The hearing is to decide the amount of damages to which members of the classes are entitled against ComputerTraining. Judge Victoria Roberts of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan is overseeing this class action. The lawsuit is known as *Smith, et al., v. ComputerTraining.Com, Inc., et al*, Civil Action No. 2:10-cv-11490.

#### **2. What is this lawsuit about?**

ComputerTraining shut down its schools across the country on or about December 31, 2009. This lawsuit is about whether students enrolled at the time the schools closed and those students who had previously graduated are entitled to

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damages as a result of the abrupt closure of the schools. The closure made it impossible for ComputerTraining to provide the education and placement services students had paid for.

### **3. What is a class action and who is involved?**

In a class action lawsuit, one or more people called “Class Representatives” (in this case Andrew Smith, Andrew Laporte, Jason Lowe, Craig Potter and Thomas Sprader on behalf of the Enrolled Class; John Maher and Elizabeth Spafford on behalf of the Graduate Class) sue on behalf of other people who have similar claims. The people together are a “Class” or “Class Members.” The students who sued—and all the Class Members like them—are called the Plaintiffs. The companies they sued (in this case ComputerTraining) are called the Defendants. One court resolves the issues for everyone in a Class—except for those people who choose to exclude themselves from the Class.

### **4. Why is this lawsuit a class action?**

The Court decided that this lawsuit can be a class action because it meets the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, which governs class actions in federal courts. More information about why the Court is allowing this lawsuit to be a class action is in the Court’s Order Certifying the Class, which is available at [WWW.COMPUTERTRAININGCLASSACTION.COM](http://WWW.COMPUTERTRAININGCLASSACTION.COM).

## **THE CLAIMS IN THE LAWSUIT**

### **5. What does the lawsuit complain about?**

In the lawsuit, the Plaintiffs say that they paid for computer training and lifetime career placement services at ComputerTraining, but ComputerTraining shut down before the training and placement services were all provided. You can read the Plaintiffs’ Third Amended Class Action Complaint at [WWW.COMPUTERTRAININGCLASSACTION.COM](http://WWW.COMPUTERTRAININGCLASSACTION.COM).

### **6. How does ComputerTraining answer?**

ComputerTraining has not answered or appeared in court to defend any of the claims. Because ComputerTraining has not answered or appeared to defend the case, the Court entered defaults against ComputerTraining, establishing as a matter of law that all the allegations made against ComputerTraining by the Plaintiffs in the First Amended Class Action Complaint, are deemed true.

### **7. Has the Court decided who is right?**

Because ComputerTraining did not answer or appear in Court to defend the case, the Court decided that the allegations in Plaintiffs’ First Amended Complaint are correct, and entered defaults against ComputerTraining.

### **8. What are the Plaintiffs asking for?**

The Plaintiffs ask the Court to order ComputerTraining to pay Plaintiffs and members of the class, money damages to compensate them for any harm suffered as a result of the loss of training and placement services, and other damages.

### **9. Is there any money available now?**

No money or benefits are available now because the Court has not yet entered a final judgment against ComputerTraining and because it is not known whether any assets will be available from ComputerTraining or another source to pay a judgment. There is no guarantee that money or benefits ever will be obtained. If they are, you will be notified about how to ask for a share.

## **WHO IS A CLASS MEMBER?**

You need to decide whether you are affected by this lawsuit.

### **10. Am I part of one of the Classes?**

Judge Roberts decided that students enrolled at ComputerTraining at the time it closed on or about December 31, 2009 are members of the Enrolled Class. She also decided that all those who had previously graduated from a training program at ComputerTraining are members of the Graduate Class. Judge Roberts ruled that each class also includes all persons who co-signed or otherwise guaranteed or became liable for a student loan for any member of that class.

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### **11. Who is included?**

The Enrolled Class includes all individuals who were enrolled at ComputerTraining as of December 31, 2009, and all individuals who co-signed or otherwise guaranteed or became liable for a loan to pay the ComputerTraining tuition for any such individual. The Graduate Class includes all individuals who completed a training program at ComputerTraining prior to December 31, 2009, and all individuals who co-signed or otherwise guaranteed or became liable for a loan to pay the ComputerTraining tuition for any such individual.

### **12. Are any ComputerTraining Students Not Included In The Class?**

If you left a ComputerTraining school before December 31, 2009 and did not complete a training program, you are not included.

### **13. I'm still not sure if I am included.**

If you are not sure whether you are included, you can get free help at [WWW.COMPUTERTRAININGCLASSACTION.COM](http://WWW.COMPUTERTRAININGCLASSACTION.COM), or by calling the phone number or writing to the address listed in question 23.

## **YOUR RIGHTS AND OPTIONS**

You have to decide whether to stay in the case or ask to be excluded before the hearing, and you have to decide this now.

### **14. What happens if I do nothing at all?**

You don't have to do anything now if you want to keep the possibility of getting money or benefits from this lawsuit. If you qualify to be a member of one of the Classes, by doing nothing you will be staying in that Class. If you stay in and the Plaintiffs obtain money or benefits, either as a result of a judgment or settlement or other actions, you will be notified about how to apply for a share (or how to ask to be excluded from any settlement). Keep in mind that if you do nothing now, regardless of whether the Plaintiffs win or lose at the hearing, you will not be able to sue, or continue to sue, ComputerTraining—as part of any other lawsuit or legal proceeding—about the same legal claims that are the subject of this lawsuit. This means that if you do nothing, you may only be able to sue for claims other than those raised in this lawsuit. By doing nothing, you will become a party to this lawsuit and join in the Plaintiffs' theory for recovery. You will also be legally bound by all of the Orders the Court issues and judgments the Court makes in this class action.

### **15. Why would I ask to be excluded?**

If you already have your own lawsuit against ComputerTraining and want to continue with it, you need to ask to be excluded from the Class. If you exclude yourself from the Class—which also means you remove yourself from the Class, sometimes called “opting-out” of the Class—you won't get any money or benefits from this lawsuit even if the Plaintiffs obtain them as a result of a judgment, or from any settlement (that may or may not be reached) between ComputerTraining and the Plaintiffs. However, you may then be able to sue or continue to sue ComputerTraining. If you exclude yourself, you will not be legally bound by the Court's rulings in this class action.

If you start your own lawsuit against ComputerTraining after you exclude yourself, you'll have to hire and pay your own lawyer for that lawsuit, and you'll have to prove your claims. If you do exclude yourself so you can start or continue your own lawsuit against ComputerTraining, you should talk to your own lawyer soon, because you may not be able to bring claims after a certain date.

### **16. How do I ask the Court to exclude me?**

To ask to be excluded, you must send an “Exclusion Request” in the form of a letter by mail, stating that you want to be excluded from *Smith, et al. v. ComputerTraining.Com, Inc., et al.* Be sure to include your name and address, and sign the letter. You must mail your Exclusion Request postmarked by **January 15, 2012** to: ComputerTraining Class Action c/o The Garden City Group, Inc., P.O. Box 9717, Dublin, Ohio 43017-5617.

## **THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU**

### **17. Do I have a lawyer in this case?**

The Court decided that attorneys Thomas Howlett and Dean Googasian of The Googasian Firm, P.C., of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, are qualified to represent you and all Class Members. The law firm is referred to as "Class Counsel." They are experienced in handling similar cases. More information about these lawyers, the law firm, their practices, and their experience is available at [www.googasian.com](http://www.googasian.com).

### **18. Should I get my own lawyer?**

You do not need to hire your own lawyer because Class Counsel is working on your behalf. But, if you want your own lawyer, you will have to pay that lawyer. For example, you can ask him or her to appear in Court for you if you want someone other than Class Counsel to speak for you. If you choose to hire your own lawyer, the lawyer must file an appearance with the Court on your behalf, by **January 15, 2012**.

### **19. How will the lawyers be paid?**

If Class Counsel get money or benefits for the Class, they will ask the Court for fees and expenses. You won't have to pay these fees and expenses. If the Court grants Class Counsels' request, the fees and expenses would be either deducted from any money obtained for the Class or paid separately by ComputerTraining.

## **THE HEARING**

The Court will hold a hearing to decide what damages members of the Enrolled Class and the Graduate Class are entitled to.

### **20. How and when will the Court decide who is right?**

Class Counsel will have to prove Plaintiffs' damages at a hearing unless the claims are resolved by a settlement or otherwise. The hearing will be held in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse, 231 W. Lafayette Blvd., Detroit, MI 48226, in the Courtroom of the Honorable Victoria A. Roberts. The Court has not set a date for the hearing. During the hearing, a Jury or the Judge will hear the evidence to help reach a decision about the damages to which Plaintiffs are entitled. There is no guarantee that the Plaintiffs will win, or that they will get any money for either Class if they win.

### **21. Do I have to come to the hearing?**

You do not need to attend the hearing. Class Counsel will present the case for the Plaintiffs and members of both classes. You or your own lawyer are welcome to come at your own expense.

### **22. Will I get money after the hearing?**

If the Plaintiffs obtain money or benefits as a result of the hearing or a settlement, you will be notified about how to participate. We do not know how long this will take.

## **GETTING MORE INFORMATION**

### **23. Are more details available?**

Visit the website, [WWW.COMPUTERTRAININGCLASSACTION.COM](http://WWW.COMPUTERTRAININGCLASSACTION.COM), where you will find the Court's Order Certifying the Class and the Third Amended Class Action Complaint that the Plaintiffs submitted. You may also call (888) 850-6464, e-mail [computertrainingclassaction@gcginc.com](mailto:computertrainingclassaction@gcginc.com) or write to: ComputerTraining Class Action c/o The Garden City Group, Inc., P.O. Box 9717, Dublin, Ohio 43017-5617 for further information.

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