PROF BARRY RODGER SECURES £260 MILLION SETTLEMENT IN APP DEVELOPER CLAIM AGAINST GOOGLE

- UK developers are poised to receive compensation for the alleged losses in revenue they suffered as a result of the commissions Google charged for Play Store transactions.
- The value of the pay-out to class members is the largest ever secured in a proposed settlement under the UK's collective action regime.
- The proposed settlement is subject to the Competition Appeal Tribunal's approval.

London, 27 August 2026: Professor Barry Rodger has secured a £260 million settlement in his opt-out collective action against Google, brought on behalf of UK app developers.

The legal action, brought by leading competition law academic Professor Barry Rodger, claimed that Google abused its dominant position to the detriment of thousands of UK businesses who sold apps on the Play Store (or "Google Play") to Android customers. The claim sought compensation for the losses suffered by those businesses, many of whom are SMEs, from August 2018 onwards.

This proposed settlement is subject to approval by the Competition Appeal Tribunal and will be considered at a hearing on 15 September 2026.

The amount each affected developer receives will depend on their qualifying sales on the Play Store during the relevant period.

Professor Barry Rodger commented: "*This settlement is a great outcome for thousands of UK app developers. If approved, meaningful financial compensation will become available for businesses that could never have taken on a company like Google alone. That they can no benefit from this settlement is exactly why I was proud to take on this case as class representative."*

Damien Geradin, founding partner of Geradin Partners says: "*I would like to thank Prof Rodger for the trust he has placed in us throughout these proceedings. Reaching a settlement of this scale is an important achievement and I hope it will be approved by the CAT in short order. This agreement reflects the valuable role that the UK's collective proceedings regime can play in securing redress for class members and I am proud of the contribution Geradin Partners makes to this. This is the largest settlement to date since the CAT opt out regime was launched and it should see money getting into developers' hands less than three years after the claim was filed*."

More information about the settlement agreement can be found on the claim's website: Google Playstore Developers Claim where the settlement hearing notice to class members is also published.

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About Professor Bary Rodger: Professor Barry Rodger has been an academic at Strathclyde University Law School since 1993 where he focuses on teaching and researching EU and UK competition law. His work focuses on showing how big business can damage a competitive economy by excluding competitors and charging unfair and excessive prices to consumers and smaller businesses which are dependent upon it, and in particular on analysing the legal rules necessary to ensure adequate redress for those harmed by anti-competitive market behaviour.

About Geradin Partners: Professor Rodger has instructed the law firm Geradin Partners to represent him in his class action in the CAT. Geradin Partners is a leading pan-European law firm specialising in competition law and digital markets, with extensive experience in collective action claims before the CAT. More information about Geradin Partners can be found at: www.geradinpartners.com.

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Class members: Who is eligible

UK domiciled third-party app developers that sold digital content through apps distributed from the Play Store from August 2018 are automatically be included in the class and potentially eligible for compensation if they do not actively opt out of the claim.

UK app developers are encouraged to register here: Register - Google Playstore Developers Claim to be kept updated and told how to claim compensation if the settlement is approved.