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CULT FACES MULTI MILLION DOLLAR LAW SUIT

THE EAST Grinstead-based cult Church of Scientology faces a multi-million dollar law suit from an American anti-cult organisation.

The Cult Awareness Network, which aims to "alert the world to the dangers of destructive cults," says the Scientologists have been harassing it with law suits.

CAN says the cult has brought over 45 legal cases, and numerous human rights complaints, against it in the last three years in a bid "to cause CAN to go into bankruptcy."

Of the 30 cases heard against CAN so far, none have succeeded being either withdrawn by the cult, or won by the network.

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CAN has now filed a suit in Illinois against The Church of Scientology International, the Illinois branch of the church, eleven cult members, and law firm Bowles and Moxon, which the network says has close links with Scientology.

The suit charges that the defendants tried "to disrupt and interfere with the ability and right of CAN, its members, and the members of

affiliate organisations to freely and voluntarily assemble together and associate with each other."

CAN say the cult was behind all the law suits brought against it by members, and had provided all of them with legal and financial assistance through Bowles and Moxon.