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Insights

Train of Thought? Hard on the heels of a \$39 million damage award in Portland against the Church of Scientology comes a Los Angeles case that may create even more waves.

Larry Wollersheim is suing the religion/corporation for more than \$25 million in damages, claiming he was sold more than \$100,000 worth of Scientology training on the basis of bogus promises that the training would raise his I.Q., make him "well" and give him "supernatural powers."

On Monday, July 1, Wollersheim's case is scheduled to be assigned a judge for its day in court.

The decision last month in Oregon sent hundreds of Scientologists marching in the streets of Portland to protest the award.

Testimony in the case included accounts of "hard T.R.s" (training routines) in which subjects were made to sit absolutely still for up to 15 hours a day, seven days a week, for weeks at a time.

"I expect," says attorney Leta Schlosser, who is representing Wollersheim, "to present some interesting testimony."