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PROFESSIONAL

**MCGILL UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF LAW**

 Peter M. Laing Q.Q. Chair in Law, 2016-

Full Professor, 2014-

Norton Rose Fulbright Faculty Scholar in International Arbitration and International Commercial Law, 2020-

Associate Dean (Academic), 2005-08

Associate Professor 2003-2014 (sabbatical 2004-05; 2011-12)

 Visiting professor: Univ. of Perugia (2004-05); Univ. of Trento (2011-12)

Assistant Professor (tenure track) 1996-2003 (maternity leaves 1996, 1998, 2001)

**HAGUE ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW**

 Professor of Directed Studies, Private International Law, August 2017

**MEMBER, BARREAU DU QUÉBEC** (since 1999)

**SUPREME COURT OF CANADA**

Law Clerk to the late Honourable Justice John Sopinka (1995-1996)

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, FACULTY OF LAW**

Visiting Research Fellow (1994-95)

EDUCATION

**UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, Darwin College**

**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Faculty of Law, 1997**

**MCGILL UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF LAW**

**Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L.) and Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), 1991**

**University Scholar**

**MCGILL UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT**

**Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.) - Finance and International Business, 1987**

**University Scholar**

AWARDS

**Paul-André-Crépeau Medal, awarded by the Canadian Bar Association – Quebec Division, 2016**

 TEACHING

**Courses and Seminars Taught**

* Judicial Institutions and Civil Procedure: 2013-2020 (compulsory course); English and French
* Private International Law/Conflict of laws: 1996-2015, 2020; English and French
* Mediation: 2015-2016; English
* Extra-contractual obligations / torts (compulsory course) 1999-2012, 2016-18; English & French
* Consumer Law: 2012-2014, 2019; English and French
* Consumer Arbitration: 2007-2013; English

**Graduate supervision**

1. **Doctoral supervision**

Zhang Ke, “ The law-making power of the Hague Conference on Private International Law” admitted in September 2017

Guillaume Laganière, “Liability for transboundary pollution in private international law : a duty to ensure prompt and adequate compensation”, graduated 2020

Li-Juan Ko, “Remedies for Passengers for Flight Delays Caused by Force Majeure”, graduated 2016

Claude Alie, “Thinking Moves: Natural Logic Structures and Functions in Legal Reasoning”, graduated 2016 (Faculty of Education; co-supervised with Prof. Carl Frederiksen)

1. **Doctoral committees**

Stetoslav Ivanov, « Socio-legal study of maritime arbitration » (2019-)

Catherine Mathieu, « Partage des pouvoirs et droit de la consommation » (2019-)

Leyla Bahmani, « Double recovery in international commercial arbitration » (2018-)

Alexandra Pasca, “L’avocat privatiste contemporain: une étude empirique québécoise” (2016-)

Jean-François Hébert, “The Nationality of Corporations in International Investment Law” (2015-)

Cléa Iavaraone-Turcotte, « Placer le citoyen au coeur du système de justice civile: étude d’opportunité et de faisabilité en contexte québecois » (2015-)

Don Lasantha Ivers Hettiarachchi, « The Quasi-regulation of the International Air Transport Association and its Impact upon the Airline Industry and the Consumer » (graduated 2018)

Andrea Di Paolo, “Risk Management in Space: Insurance and Legal Issues in the Growth of Commercial Space Activities” (graduated 2018)

Alina Geampana, “Beyond Birth Control: The Yasmin/Yaz Controversy and the Risk Evaluation of Hormonal Contraceptives” (Faculty of Arts, Dept. of Sociology) (2015-)

Catherine Piché, “Fairness in Class Action Settlements” (graduated 2012)

Anna Conley, “Harmonizing Jurisdiction in Transnational Cases: A Deep Comparative Inquiry” (acting supervisor 2010-11) (graduated 2012)

1. **LL.M. thesis students:**

Khairul Islam, “International Commercial Arbitration in Bangladesh” (LL.M. 2019)

Jacqueline Kusserow, “New Supranational Courts for Investment Disputes?” (LL.M. 2018)

Chana Edelstein, “Federal/provincial powers in Consumer Law” (LL.M. 2016)

Ashleigh Tomlinson, “Space travel, law and black holes” (LL.M. 2015)

Madeleine Conway, “A New Duty of Care? Tort Liability from Voluntary Human Rights Due Diligence in Global Supply Chains” (LL.M. 2014); published in (2015) 40:2 Queen’s LJ 741.

Laetitia Avia, “Class actions d’actionnaires : de la nécessaire évolution du droit français sous l’impulsion du juge américain” (LL.M. 2012)

Julia Hetlof, “US/EU Air Transport: Open Skies but still not Open Transatlantic Air Transport Services” (LL.M. 2010)

Avidan Kent, “International Competition Policy and the WTO: Future Pathways” (LL.M. 2009)

Changmin Chun, “Intermediated Securities and Systems in Substantive Law and in Private International Law” (LL.M. 2007)

Sandra Buechele, “Access Rights: A Comparative Analysis of the International Legal Framework (LL.M. 2005)

Damien Nyer (LLM I), “The Freezing of Assets in Canada: Private International Law Aspects”, (LL.M. 2004)

Alireza Falsafi, “Applicable Law in State Contracts: The Drive to Create a Supranational Legal Order in International Arbitral Dispute Settlement” (LL.M. 2003)

Javier Andrade, “Contractual Expansion of Judicial Review of Arbitral Awards: An International View”, (LL.M. 2002)

Céline Duquenne, « L’autonomie de la clause compromissoire en droit du commerce international » (LL.M. 2001)

Élisa Henry, “Les sûretés mobilières en droit international privé : études critique du droit français à la lumière du droit comparé et du droit uniforme » (LL.M. 2000), awarded the Prix Minerve and subsequently published by Les éditions Yvon Blais as a monograph in 2001.

Diana Sewerin, “International Product Liability and Uniform Sales Law” (LL.M. 2000)

Oliver Draf, “Specific Issues of Private International Law and Contracts on the Internet” (LL.M. 1999), co-supervised with Adjunct Professor Sunny Handa

IV. RESEARCH

**A. External Research Grants**

Individual external research grants:

* SSHRC Standard Research Grant, 2009-12, $56,000
* Foundation for Legal Research, 2006, $4000
* Fondation Claude Masse, 2003-06, $57 839
* FQRSC, Bourse de nouveaux chercheurs, 2003-06, $45,000

Team grants:

* Co-applicant, FQRSC, Soutient aux équipes de recherche (Équipe Justice privée et état de droit) 2007, 2013 and 2018 (lead : F. Gélinas, McGill)
* Co-applicant, SSHRC, Partnership Development Grant – Public policy-oriented consumer interest research, 2014-2017 (lead: R. Kerton, Univ. of Guelph)

**B. Scholarship**

1. **Published works**

**(i) Books or chapters in books or in edited collections**

“Forum selection clauses and the waning legacy of *The Eleftheria*” *in* J. Neels, ed, *Commercial Private International Law in Southern Africa. Essays in honour of Prof Christopher Forsyth* (Eleven, forthcoming 2020)

“The law applicable to post-award issues” *in* A. Bjorklund et al., eds, *Cambridge Compendium of International Commercial and Investment Arbitration* (CUP, forthcoming 2020)

“Choice of Court Agreements in Canada – Common Law” *in* M. Keyes, ed, *Optional Choice of Court Agreements in Private International Law* (Springer 2019) 137-149

with Hans-W. Micklitz, eds, *Enforcement and Effectiveness of Consumer Law* (Springer, 2018)

with Hans-W. Micklitz, “General Report” *in* Hans-W. Micklitz & Geneviève Saumier, *Enforcement and Effectiveness of Consumer Law* (Springer, 2018) 3-45

“Les clauses types pour l’utilisation des Principes d’UNIDROIT” in Eppur si muove : The age of Uniform Law; Essays in honour of Michael Joachim Bonell, vol. 2 (Rome: UNIDROIT, 2016) 1649-1663

 “Trade usages in the CISG” *in* F. Gélinas, ed., *Trade Usages in the Age of Arbitration* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016) 125-144

“L’arbitrage et les parties faibles” *in* P. Ferland, M-F. Rigaud, eds, *Guide pratique de l’arbitrage* (LexisNexis, Québec, 2014) 167-177

“Le *forum non conveniens* au Québec : bilan d'une transplantation” *in* S. Guillemard, ed., *Mélanges en l’honneur du professeur Alain Prujiner*, Québec, Yvon Blais, 2011, 345-70 (cited in *Stormbreaker Marketing and Productions Inc. c. Weinstock*, 2013 QCCA 269 at para. 85).

with M. Baer et al., *Canadian Private International Law: Cases and Materials*, 1st ed. (1997) 2nd ed. (2003) and 3rd ed. (2010) (Toronto: Emond Montgomery); responsible for Chap. 17 – Marriage and Cohabitation, Chap. 18 – Dissolution of marriage and other unions and Chap. 20 – Children

with P.G. Jobin, Rapport national (Québec) *in* D.P. Arroyo, éd., *Consumer Protection in International Private Relations* (Asunción, Paraguay, 2010) 121-38

“Transborder Litigation and Private International Law – The View from Canada” *in* F. Cafaggi & H.-W. Micklitz, eds, *New Frontiers of Consumer Protection – the Interplay between Private and Public Enforcement* (Antwerp: Intersentia, 2009) 361-78

“The Convention on International Sale of Goods” in D. Franklin, ed. *International Commercial Debt Collection* (Toronto: Carswell, 2007)

**(ii) Refereed Journals**

“Submission as a Jurisdictional Basis under the 2019 HCCH Judgments Convention” (2020) Netherlands International Law Review, https://doi.org/10.1007/s40802-020-00164-5

“Limits to Arbitration of Consumer Claims in Canada” Thémis-Revista de derecho (forthcoming 2020)

« L’ouverture récente des tribunaux canadiens aux poursuites pour violation des droits de l’homme à l’étranger » (2018) 4 Revue critique de droit international privé 775-792

with Catherine Piché, “Consumer Collective Redress in Canada” (2018) 61 Japanese Yearbook of International Law 231

“Has the CJPTA Readied Canada for the Hague Choice of Court Convention?” (2018) 55 Osgoode Hall Law Journal 141-162

“Article 3 of the Hague Principles: A Response to Peter Mankowski” (2017) 22 Uniform Law Review 395-401

 “The Hague Principles and the Choice of Non-State “Rules of Law” to Govern an International Commercial Contract” (2014) 39 Brooklyn Int’l L.J. 1-29

with J. Bagg, “Forum Selection Clauses before Canadian Courts: A Tale of Two (or Three) Solitudes” (2013) 46 UBC Law Rev. 439-87

“Review of *Court Jurisdiction and Proceedings Transfer Act*” (2013) 9 J. Priv. Int’l Law 349-56

“Commentaire sur *Anvil Mining*” (2013) 9 McGill Int’l J. Sus. Dev. Law & Policy 145-55

“Designating the Unidroit Principles in International Dispute Resolution” (2012) 17 Uniform L.R./Rev. dr. uni. 533-47

“Competing Class Actions across Canada: Still at the Starting Gate after *Canada Post v. Lépine*?” (2010) 48 Can. Bus. L.J. 462-81

“Consumer Arbitration in the Evolving Canadian Landscape” (2009) 113 Penn State L. Rev. 1203-26 (cited in *Griffin v. Dell Canada Inc*., 2010 ONCA 29 at para. 31; *Seidel v. TELUS Communications Inc.*, [2011] 1 SCR 531).

“L’affaire *Dell*: La sphère d’application de l’article 3149 C.c.Q. et le consommateur québécois” (2007) 37 Rev. générale de droit 6-23

“International Sales: Is Canada Missing the Boat?” (2007) 7:1 Canadian International Law 1-7

“Consumer Dispute Resolution: The Evolving Canadian Landscape” (2007) 1:4 Class Action Defence Quarterly 52-57

“USA-Canada Class Actions: Trading in Procedural Fairness” (2005) 5(2) Global Jurist Advances 1-42 (cited in *Hocking c. Haziza*, 2008 QCCA 800)

“*Morguard*’s Vapour Trail: A Comment on Spar Aerospace”, (2003) 5 Canadian International Lawyer 199-203

“The Recognition of Foreign Judgments in Québec: The Mirror Crack’d?” (2002) 81:3 Canadian Bar Review 677-719 (cited in *Newfoundland and Labrador (Attorney General) v. Uashaunnuat (Innu of Uashat and of Mani‑Utenam*) 2020 SCC 4; *Barer v. Knight Brothers LLC*, 2019 SCC 13; *R.S. v. P.R*., 2019 SCC 49; *Canada Post v. Lépine*, [2009] 1 S.C.R. 549; *Hocking c. Haziza*, 2008 QCCA 800).

“What’s in a Name? Lloyd’s, Public Policy and International Comity” (2002) 37 Canadian Business Law Journal 388-418 (cited in *Douez v. Facebook*, 2017 SCC 33)

“*Forum Non Conveniens*: Where are we Now?” (2000) 12 Supreme Court Law Review 121-46; republished in *Ruled by Law* (Markham, Ont.: Butterworths, 2003) (cited in *Hocking c. Haziza*, 2008 QCCA 800 at footnote 18).

"Les objections à la compétence internationale des tribunaux québécois: nature et procédure" (1998) 58 Revue du Barreau 145-65 (cited in *Dell Computer Corp. v. Union des consommateurs*, [2007] 2 SCR 801 at paras 140 and 198).

"Judicial Jurisdiction in International Cases: The Supreme Court's Unfinished Business" (1995) 18 Dalhousie Law Journal 448-72

“Les limites de la compétence internationale des tribunaux québécois” (1999) 12.2 Revue québécoise de droit international (RQDI) 1-9 (published in 2001)

“La pratique judiciaire du droit international privé au Québec en 1999” (1999) 12.2 RQDI 253-68 (published in 2001)

“La pratique judiciaire du droit international privé au Québec en 1998” (1998) 11 RQDI 402-12

(published in 1998)

“La pratique judiciaire du droit international privé au Québec en 1995-96” (1996) 9 RQDI 146-48 (published in 1998)

“La pratique judiciaire du droit international privé au Québec en 1993-94” (1994) 8 RQDI 356-59 (published in 1998)

**(iii) Papers in Conference Proceedings**

« Le consommateur numérique: défis et recours en droit international privé » *in* P.-C. Lafond & V. Gautrais, eds, *Le consommateur numérique : une protection à la hauteur de la confiance*, Yvon Blais, 2016, pp 295-320.

“Mass and Class Claims in Arbitration: A Canadian Perspective”, (2014) 8 World Arbitration and Mediation Review 351-368; updated version published in B. Hanotiau & E.A. Schwartz, eds, *Class and Group Actions in Arbitration* (ICC: Paris, 2016) 33-44

 « Quelques zones grises autour de l’arbitrage de consommation » *in* F. Gélinas & F. Bachand, dir., *D’une réforme à l’autre : Regards croisés sur l’arbitrage au Québec*, Cowansville (QC), Yvon Blais, 2013, 141-66

with P.G. Jobin, «La protection du consommateur dans les relations transfrontières en droit québécois », *in* P. Galindo *et al.*,*A proteção do Consumidor no Brasil e no Quebec: Diálogos de Direito Comparado/La protection du consommateur au Québec et au Brésil : échanges de droit comparé*, Niteroi (Brésil), Editora di UFF, 2013 (in French and in Portuguese)

with L. Gama, “Non-State Law in the (Proposed) Hague Principles on Choice of Law in International Contracts” *in* D.P. Fernández Arroyo, J.J. Obando Peralta, eds, *El Derecho Internacional Privado En Los Procesos De Integracion Regional* (Editorial Juridica Continental, 2011) 41-65; updated and translated into Portuguese: “Contratos Internacionais e os (Futuros) Princípios da Haia: Desafios da Aplicação e Interpretação do Direito Não Estatal” (2012) 1:2 Revista de Arbitragem 115 and (2012) 34 Revista Brasileira de Arbitragem 72.

“L’arbitrage de consommation équitable : option ou illusion ? ” *in* B. Moore & P.-C. Lafond, éd., *L’équité au service du consommateur*, Cowansville (QC), Yvon Blais, 2010, 103-27

“Le droit international privé et le travail international ” *in* *Développements récents en droit des affaires internationales – le travail international,* Cowansville (QC), Yvon Blais, 2009, 197-220

“Le recours collectif, la globalisation des marchés et l’accès à la justice pour le consommateur” *in* T. Bourgoignie, *Propos autour de l’effectivité du droit de la consommation*, Yvon Blais, 2008, pp. 193-214

*“Morguard* and the Plaintiff’s Choice of Forum” *in* Conseil Canadien de droit international, *Tournés vers l’avenir: Le droit international au 21ième siècle* (La Haye : Kluwer, 2002) 134-147

**(iv) Book Reviews**

Compte-rendu de G. Goldstein & E. Groffier, *Droit international privé, Tome II: Règles spécifiques*, Cowansville, Yvon Blais, 2003 (2005) 78 Can. Bar Rev. 252-54

Book Review of Paul R. Beaumont & Peter E. McEleavy, *The Hague Convention on International Child Abduction* (Oxford: O.U.P., 1999) (2001) 46 McGill L.J. 568-69

Compte-rendu de G. Goldstein & E. Groffier, *Droit international privé, Tome I: Théorie générale*, Cowansville, Yvon Blais, 1998 (1999) 78 Can. Bar Rev. 252-54

**(v) Non-Refereed Publications and Other Papers or Reports**

with Franciso Garcimartin, *Draft Explanatory Report on the Hague Conference Judgments Project* (September 2017); available online at www.hcch.net

“Chronique de droit international privé canadien” (2017) 144 Journal du droit international 361-77

Commentary on/Commentaires sur : articles 2, 3 & 11, *Hague Principles on Choice of Law in International Commercial Contracts*, Hague Conference on Private International Law, 2015

“FASCICULE 21, Organismes privés et appareil étatique” *in* P.-C. Lafond, ed, *Jurisclasseur Québec – Droit de la consommation* (LexisNexis, 2014; updated 2017) (10 pages)

“FASCICULE 23 : Recours du consommateur et de l’État” *in* P.-C. Lafond, ed, *Jurisclasseur Québec – Droit de la consommation* (LexisNexis, 2014; updated 2017) (29 pages)

“Case -  European Court of Justice, 17 November 2013, (C-218/12) *Emrek v Sabranovic*: Expanding Jurisdiction for Consumer Claims under the Brussels Regime” (2014) 1 Revue européenne de droit de la consummation/European Journal of Consumer Law 199

“Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in the Canadian Common Law Provinces” (2013/14) 15 Yearbook of Priv. Int’l Law 313

PILAGG in Practice : Two Examples of concrete Steps, Doc. PILAGG e-series/GG/1 (http://blogs.sciences-po.fr/pilagg/files/2013/09/PILAGG-e-series-GG-1-Saumier.pdf)

Droit international privé – Canada (provinces de common law), Jurisclasseur (Droit comparé) (Paris : LexisNexis, 2012) fascicule 62.

“Chronique de droit international privé canadien (2004-2010)” (2011) J.D.Int’l 153

 “Commentary on the Brazilian proposal to CIDIP VII”, Federal Justice Dept – International Private Law, February 2009

“Chronique de droit international privé canadien (common law)” (2004) 131(4) Journal du droit international 1239 (prochaine chronique 2011)

Clout (Case law on Uncitral texts) abstracts published by UNCITRAL (United Nations Commission for International Trade Law): A/CN.9/SER.C/ABSTRACTS/32 (11 Sept. 2000); A/CN.9/SER.C/ABSTRACTS/33 (19 Dec. 2000); A/CN.9/SER.C/ABSTRACTS/34 (11 June 2001); A/CN.9/SER.C/ABSTRACTS/44 (20 December 2004) accessible at www.uncitral.org

“Recognition and Enforcement of U.S.A. Judgments in Canada : Analysis and Outlook”, prepared for the Department of Justice, Public Law Policy Section, Private International Law Team; for use by the Canadian delegation to the Hague Conference on Private International Law, June 2001

**(vi) Casebooks & Teaching Materials**

Droit international privé/Private International Law, Faculty of Law, McGill University, original edition 1997, revised numerous times, approx. 300 pages, now an electronic casebook on myCourses

International and Domestic Documentary Sales, Faculty of Law, McGill University, original edition 1999, 492 pages

Extra-contractual Obligations / Tort, Faculty of Law, McGill University, original edition 1999 (with D. Jutras, N. Kasirer, M.C. Prémont and S. Van Praagh); numerous revised edition, latest 2017-18 with Lara Khoury, Shauna Van Praagh and Stephen Smith.

**C. Presentations, Workshops and Conferences**

Risques et périls de se défendre à l’étranger, 14 mai 2019, Association du barreau canadien – Division Québec, section internationale, Montréal

The procedural implications of Quebec’s hybrid legal system, 17 April 2019, Max Planck Institute for Procedural Law, Luxembourg

Transystemic Treaty Tribulations, Faculty Seminar, 23 November 2018, McGill,

Choice of Court Agreements in Canada – Common Law, 27 July 2018, International Academy of Comparative Law Congress, Fukuoka (Japan),

The Supreme Court of Canada Takes on Google and Facebook, International Academy of Commercial and Consumer Law, Durham (England), 5 July 2018

Regulatory Compliance and Civil Liability, Concilier la sécurité des produits et la responsabilité civile à l’ère du risque et de l’incertitude, Sacacomie (Québec), 8 June 2018

Arbitration and Forum Selection Clauses, American Bar Association Annual Meeting – International Law Section, New York (NY), 19 April 2018

La compétence internationale des tribunaux après les affaires *Facebook* et *Google*, Association du barreau canadien – Division Québec – Section internationale, Montréal, 29 novembre 2017

Defying Borders: The Promise and Peril of Party Autonomy in Private International Law, Peter M. Laing QC Inaugural Lecture, McGill, 24 October 2017

Bringing it home: Are Canadian courts suddenly opening up to corporate liability for extra-territorial violations of human rights? PILAGG Seminar, Sciences Po, Paris, 20 October 2017

Le droit international privé et la famille, Formation continue des juges de la Cour supérieure du Québec, Montréal, 3 octobre 2017

The Law Applicable to Post-Award Issues, 7 April 2017, Cambridge Compendium of International Commercial and Investment Arbitration: Selected Topics, Vienna

Enforcement and effectiveness of consumer law, 17 November 2016, International Academy of Comparative Law – 2016 Thematic Congress, Montevideo (Uruguay)

Who’s afraid of non-state law for the regulation of international contracts?, 10 November 2016, Jornadas ASADIP – Los contratos internacionales entre la libertad de las partes y el control de los poderes publicos, Buenos Aires (Argentina)

Has the CJPTA readied Canada for the Hague Choice of Court Convention? 21 October 2016, CJPTA: A Decade of Progress, Toronto

*Lapointe Rosenstein et al. c Cassels Brock* et la compétence internationale des tribunaux: interprétation et évaluation, 28 septembre 2016, Association du barreau canadien – Division Québec – Section internationale, Montréal

Non-State Law in the Hague Principles on Choice of Law in International Commercial Contracts, 9 September 2016, Towards a Global Framework for International Commercial Transactions:

Implementing the Hague Principles on Choice of Law in International Commercial Contracts, Lucerne (Switzerland)

La reconnaissance de règlements collectifs étrangers au Québec, Formation des juges de la Cour supérieure de Montréal, 12 avril 2016

Mass and Class Claims in Arbitration: A Canadian Perspective, 30 November 2015, ICC Institute for World Business Law, Paris

Défis et recours du droit international privé pour le consommateur numérique, 12 novembre 2015, Conférence de la Fondation Claude-Masse, Montréal

Le juge Louis LeBel et le droit international privé au Canada : Entre convergence et particularisme, Conférence en hommage à Louis LeBel, 29 octobre 2015, Association du barreau canadien – division Québec, Montréal

*Foreign non conveniens* in Quebec: Only in a mixed jurisdiction? 26 June 2015, Congress of the World Society of Mixed Jurisdiction Jurists, Montreal

Arbitration as a Service to Consumers in International Disputes, 30 October 2014, ASADIP Conference, Porto Alegre, Brazil

Class Claims in Commercial Arbitration, 9 April 2014, ITA-ASIL Conference, Washington

L’efficacité des clauses de renonciation aux recours collectif en faveur de l’arbitrage aux États-Unis et au Canada, (with A. Prujiner), 12 March 2014, Canadian Bar Association – International Section, Montreal

L’arbitrage, les parties faibles et la réforme du Code de procédure civile, 19 November 2013, Continuing Legal Education, Faculty of Law, McGill

Non-State Norms in State Courts, 18 October 2013, Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn

Droit civil – common law : conseils pratiques pour la rédaction de contrats avec incidences hors-Québec, 31 May 2013, Congrès annuel du barreau du Québec, Montréal

Quebec : Mixed Legal System, Unique Legal Culture, 13 February 2013, La Sapienza, Rome

Les retombées de l’affaire *Van Breda c. Club Resorts* en droit international privé au Québec, 6 February 2013, Canadian Bar Association – International Section, Montreal

*Van Breda v. Club Resorts* – Implications for Quebec Private International Law, 29 January 2013, Continuing Legal Education, Faculty of Law, McGill, Montreal

Challenges of Arbitration Clauses in B2C Contracts across Canada, 11 September 2012, CLE activity at Norton Rose law firm, Montreal

How to Further Strengthen the Academic CIR Community in Canada and its Impact on Policy-making? 30 September 2012, Academic Consumer Interest Research (CIR) in Policy-Making: Strengthening a Canadian Network, Toronto

The Designation of Non-State Law as *Lex Contractus* in International Dispute Resolution, 28 September 2013, Stateless Law Conference, McGill, Montreal

Methods: Renewal or Destruction, 11 May 2012, Private International Law and Global Conference, Sciences Po, Paris

Challenges of Parallel or Overlapping Cross-Border Class Actions, 21 June 2012, HiiL/NIAS Conference: Collective Redress in the CrossBorder Context: Arbitration, Litigation, Settlement and Beyond, Wassenaar, The Netherlands

Private International Law & Global Governance, 18 & 19 July 2012, Perugia Law Summer School, Perugia, Italy

The (Proposed) Hague Principles on Choice of Law in International Commercial Contracts, 28 October 2011, Symposium on the 2010 Unidroit Principles of International Commercial Contracts: Towards a “Global” Contract Law, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington D.C.

Relations de consommation transfrontières et droit applicable/International private law in consumer contracts : Trans-border consumer contracts and applicable law,  5 juillet 2011, École d’été en droit de la consommation, Université du Québec à Montréal, (with D.P. Fernández Arroyo)

Zones grises : commercialité, arbitrabilité, consommation, Colloque sur les 25 ans de la Loi type sur l’arbitrage au Québec, 17-18 juiin 2011, Faculté de droit, Université McGill

Clauses d’arbitrage : *Seidel c. TELUS*, 5 mai 2011, Faculté de droit, Université McGill

L’ordre public dans tous ses états : mise en œuvre, 21 mars 2011, Faculté de droit, Université McGill

La protection du consommateur dans les relations transfrontières, Colloque Brésil-Québec sur la protection du consommateur, 28 octobre 2010, Faculdade de direito, Universidade Federal Fluminense, Niteroi, Brésil

A Quebec Retrospective on Jurisdictional Issues in Private International Law, 40th Annual Commercial and Consumer Law Workshop, 16 October 2010, Faculty of Law, Univ. of Toronto

International Jurisdiction and Consumer Disputes in Canada, XVIIIth International Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law, 27 July 2010, GWU, Washington D.C.

Mini-Law – Torts, 20 April 2010, McGill

La demande en justice devant les tribunaux judiciaires : La doctrine du *forum non conveniens* – vues d’ici et d’ailleurs, AQDC, *La demande en justice, l’évolution du droit judiciaire et l’éclairage du droit comparé,* vendredi 19 mars 2010, Montréal, Cour d’appel

Arbitration Beyond Commercial Matters, 30 November 2009, Presentation to the Vietnamese Delegation – Judicial Committee of Parliament, McGill

L’arbitrage de consommation équitable : option ou illusion ?, 12 novembre 2009, Conférence Claude-Masse – L’équité au service du consommateur, Centre d’archives de Montréal

Class Actions and Consumer Protection: A Quebec and Comparative Perspective, 17 October 2009, 39th Commercial and Consumer Law Workshop, Palais de Justice – Édifice Ernest-Cormier, Montréal

Collective Redress Schemes and Group Actions, Programme d’été en droit de la consommation, UQAM, 2 July 2009

Ordre public et arbitrage de consommation, 5 juin 2009, Table ronde sur l’arbitration international, Faculté de droit, McGill

Future directions for Private International Law, Min. of Justice, International Law Section Workshop, Ottawa, 12 June 2008

Le recours collectif transfrontalier, la globalisation et l’accès à la justice, Conférence du GREDICC, UQAM, 17 avril 2008

L’affaire Dell, Atelier de droit civil, McGill, 12 octobre 2007

Collective Private Enforcement in Canada, Workshop presentation, New Frontiers of Consumer Protection, EUI, Fiesole May 25, 2007

Le régime de reconnaissance internationale des ordonnances alimentaires, Développements récents en droit international privé de la famille, Association du barreau canadien, division Québec, section de droit international, 26 avril 2007, Montréal

Par-delà les frontières: le recours collectif transfrontalier, Conférence du CÉDÉ, Univ. Laval, 23 février 2007

The International Sale of Goods Convention in Canadian Courts, Canadian Bar Association, International Law Section, Palais des congrès, Montréal, 29 septembre 2006

Liability for Regulatory Failure, Emerging Issues in Tort Law, 10 June 2006, U.W.O. Law School, London, Ontario

Guest lecturer in graduate seminar on arbitration, Dickinson Law School, Penn State University, Carlisle PA, 7-8 November 2005

Cross-Border Class Actions, Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa, 16 May 2005

Harmonizing Jurisdiction in International Child Custody: Assessing the Trends, 24 February 2003, Lousiana State University Law School.

La multiplicité des fors compétents en matière de garde, Canadian Bar Association, 15 May 2002, Montreal

International Private Law in Canadian Courts: The *Vienna Sales Convention* and the *U.N.* *Model Arbitration Law*, Canadian Judicial Council, 11 November 2001, Montreal

Specific Issues in the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments, International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Annual Meeting, 7 September 2001, Montreal

Enfants sans frontières : La garde dans le contexte interprovincial et international; Quel tribunal? Quel droit? Canadian Bar Association, 11 January 2001, Montreal

Beyond the Internet: Are There Other Challenges to International Jurisdiction”, Canadian Council on International Law, Annual Conference, Ottawa, 27 October 2000

L’arbitrage: homologation et injonction contre poursuite, Formation permanente des juges de la Cour supérieure de Montréal (section droit administratif), 21 March 2000, Montreal Courthouse

Les Incoterms 2000, Conférence de l’Association québécoise de droit comparé et du Centre de droit des affaires et du commerce international, Montreal, 10 March 2000.

La jurisprudence récente de droit international privé en matière de compétence internationale, Canadian Bar Association, 20 January 2000, Montreal

La compétence internationale des tribunaux québécois, Canadian Bar Association, 22 April 1999, Montreal

Public Policy and Mandatory Rules in Private International Law, Conference presented to the International Law Association, British Branch, Jesus College, Oxford, 19 November 1997

The Constitutional Dimensions of Canadian Private International Law, Faculty Seminar presented to the Faculty of Law, University of New Brunswick, 20 October 1997

L'impact des frontières juridiques sur le droit des sûretés mobilières, Presentation to a delegation of Vietnamese jurists, organized by the Canadian Bar Association, Faculty of Law, McGill University, 17 June 1997

La jurisprudence de la Cour suprême du Canada en matière d'enlèvement international d'enfants, Société québécoise de droit international, Faculty of Law, McGill University, 8 April 1997

V. UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY-RELATED ACTIVITIES

**Administrative Responsibilities**

* Chair, Prizes & Scholarships Committee, Faculty of Law, 2019-21
* Law Senator, McGill University, 2019-
* Member, Admissions Committee, Faculty of Law, 2017-18
* Member, Graduate Studies Committee, Faculty of Law, 2016-17
* Chair, Staff Appointments Committee, Faculty of Law: 2013-15
* Member, Curricular Reform Implementation Committee, 2015-16
* Member, Curricular Reform Ad Hoc Committee Sub-Group 3, 2013-14
* Ad hoc mediator for staff grievances, 2014-
* Advisory Committee for the Appointment of the Provost, 2014-15
* Member, Board, Centre Paul-Crépeau de droit privé et compare, McGill, 2013-
* University Tenure Committee for Management 2010-11
* University Tenure Committee for Law, 2008-11
* Advisory Committee – Dean of Law, Elected Faculty Representative, 2003-04, 2008-10
* Ad hoc legal assessor, student grievances, 2011
* Comity on Student Affairs, member, 2006-08
* Sub-committee on grading policy, 2006-07
* Senate Advisory Council on the Charter of Students’ Rights, member, 2006-2009
* Quebec Research Centre of Private and Comparative Law: Deputy Director, 1998-1999
* Student Grievances Committee: Interim Legal Assessor, Fall 2001

**Academic and Professional activities and affiliations**

* Co-rapporteur, Convention of 2019 on Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Civil or Commercial Matters, Hague Conference on Private International Law
* Member of the Canadian delegation to the Hague Conference on Private International Law, 2016-2019
* General rapporteur, International Academy of Comparative Law, Montevideo conference on Enforcement of Consumer Law, November 2016
* Organizer and co-convener of the 2015 Workshop of the SSHRC Partnership on Public policy-oriented consumer interest research, 7 December 2015, Faculty of Law, McGill
* External Member of the Faculty Review Committee, Faculty of Law, University of Johannesburg, South Africa, September 2015
* External Member of the Program Review Committee, JD/LLM programs, Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, Spring 2014
* Member, Executive Committee, Partnership on Public Policy-Oriented Consumer Interest Research, 2014-
* Member of the Board, Quebec Consumer Protection Office, Appointed by the Minister of Justice, 2012-
* Organizer and convener, 43rd Annual Workshop on Commercial and Consumer Law, 11-12 October 2013, Faculty of Law, McGill
* Member, Private Justice and the Rule of Law, Research Team, Faculty of Law, McGill, 2006-
* Member of Consumer Interest Research Expert Group, set up by Industry Canada, 2013-
* Member, Pre-selection Committee 5, SSHRC Doctoral Awards, 2011-12 competition
* Chair of the Drafting Committee, Special Commission of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, November 2012
* Canadian designated expert to the Working Group on Choice-of-Law in Commercial Contracts at the Hague Conference on Private International Law, 2009-14
* National correspondent to UNCITRAL for the *Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods* (Canada) since 1997; and the *Model Law on Arbitration* (Québec) (1997-2009)
* Arbitrator, Vis Moot, Vienna, since 2011
* Consultant to various lawyers in Quebec and abroad on issues of private international law
* McGill delegate, Justice Canada, Academic Liaison Committee – International Law, 2008-
* Member of the Sub-Committee on Book X of the Advisory Committee of the Quebec Bar formed to advise the Ministry of Justice of Quebec on bringing the English version of the Civil Code of Quebec into concordance with the French version ( 1999-2000)
* Member of a Uniform Law Conference of Canada working group for the drafting of a bilingual act to implement the UNCITRAL Convention on the Limitation Period in the International Sale of Goods (1974 & 1980) , April-June 1998
* Member, Groupe de recherche en droit international et comparé de la consommation (UQAM), since 2007
* Member, Law Commission of Ontario, Private International Law Working Group, 2008-
* External evaluator for numerous peer-reviewed journals in Canada
* External evaluator for grant proposals (FQRSC, FCI)
* External examiner for graduate dissertations (UQAM; Univ. de Montréal; Laval)
* External evaluator for promotion to full professor – Janet Walker, Osgoode Hall Law School, 2006
* Lecturer and McGill Coordinator, Tulane-Albany Summer Law Programme at McGill, summers 2003 & 2004
* Lecturer, University of Detroit-Mercy Civil Law Training Programme at McGill, June 2-6 2003
* Organizer and Chair of Panel A-3 on Private International Law at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Council on International Law, Ottawa, 25 October 2002
* Vice-president and Treasurer, Association québécoise de droit comparé, 2001-04 and 2011-12
* Invited to prepare the Review of Canadian cases on international law for the *Journal du droit international* (replacing J.-G. Castel), as of 2001
* Member, Comité de lecture, *Revue québécoise de droit international* since February 1998
* McGill correspondent to the Canadian Association of Law Teachers : 1997-2002
* Lecturer, Chinese Judges Program, I.C.L., Summer 1999
* Lecturer, Vietnamese Jurists Delegation, I.C.L., June 1997 and August 2002
* Member, Russian Civil Code Project, Private International Law Group, I.C.L., Summer 1997
* Association québécoise des professeurs de droit: LL.M. thesis prize, jury-member, 1998
* Co-Chair, Canadian Bar Association, Quebec Section, International Law Branch, 2002-03
* Member, International Civil Litigation & the Interests of the Public Cttee, Int’l Law Assocn

**Memberships**

* International Academy of Comparative Law, 2012- (elected)
* Association Americana de derecho international privado (elected, 2011), elected to Board 2013-
* International Law Association, 2007-
* Canadian Council on International Law, 2003-05
* McGill Association of University Teachers, since 2001
* Association québécoise de droit comparé, since 2001
* Canadian Association of Law Teachers, since 1997
* Association québécoise des professeurs de droit, since 1997

**Languages**: English and French (fluent), Italian (good)

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