

Laurence Bich-Carrière

Partner

Laurence Bich-Carrière practices in the Litigation Group. A member of the Quebec Bar and of the Law Society of Ontario, her practice is wide-ranging, and she provides services in areas that include class actions, appeal, consumer protection, administrative law, and infrastructure. She represents a variety of clients before the court, particularly in appeal cases, and also advises clients on drafting and negotiating contracts and settlements and on risk management.

Ms. Bich-Carrière won a number of speaking competitions both in Quebec and internationally, and has authored scholarly publications on defamation, technology and procedure. She maintains close ties with the university community and contributes to academic endeavours as a lecturer and as a researcher affiliated with the Working Group on Private Law. She is also actively involved in the legal community, for instance as a member of the civil procedure committee of the Quebec Bar and with the Canadian Bar Association.

During the course of her studies, Ms. Bich-Carrière managed to entertain both a very active extracurricular life and excellent results, as she consistently appeared on the Dean's list and received a number of scholarships for academic excellence, including the Gerville-Smith scholarship and the Macdonald Travelling Scholarship for graduate studies.

After completing a master's degree at the University of Cambridge, Ms. Bich-Carrière served as law clerk to the Honourable Mr. Justice Ian Binnie at the Supreme Court of Canada. She also worked at the Hague Conference on Private International Law and practised commercial litigation with a Canada-wide firm. She joined Lavery in 2014.

Publications

- Author, "Remarques à la relafe sur les *Cahiers de propriété intellectuelle dans ses univers: quelques commentaires sur les processus d'édition des revues juridiques au Québec et des revues de propriété intellectuelle au Canada*", (2023) 35:1 *Cahiers de propriété intellectuelle* 47. [Implicit Remarks on the *Cahiers de propriété intellectuelle* in its universe: some comments on the editorial process in Quebec law journals and Canadian IP journals]
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- Codirecteur, *Les 50 ans de la Loi sur la protection du consommateur et l'évolution du droit de la consommation*, Actes du colloque de la Fondation Claude-Masse 2021 (Montréal, Yvon-Blair, 2022)
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- Author, "— *Compétence d'attribution et territoire de la Cour d'appel en matière civile*", in *JurisClasseur Québec, Procédure civile*, 2nd ed., "Droit privé" collection (Montréal: LexisNexis, original ed.: 2015, latest update: July 1st, 2022), booklet 5 [Territorial and Material Jurisdiction of the Court of Appeal in Civil Matters]
- Co-author, "— *La constitution juridique et politique du Canada: notions, sources et principes*", in *JurisClasseur Québec Droit constitutionnel*, "Droit public" collection (Montréal: LexisNexis, 2011-2022), booklet 1 [Canada's Legal and Political Constitution: Notions, Sources and Principles]
- Author, "Say it with a Smiling Face with Smiling Eyes! Judicial Use and Legal Challenges with Emoji Interpretation in Canada", (2019) *International Journal for the Semiotics of Law* 1
- Author, "Qui pensent les tribunaux des emoji, émoticônes et autres pictogrammes?" (2018) 64:1 *McGill Law Journal* 43 [What do courts think about emoji, emoticons and other pictograms]
- Author, "Propriété intellectuelle et emoji : S ou T?", in *Développements récents en propriété intellectuelle* (Montréal, Yvon-Blair, 2018), 305. [Intellectual Property and Emojis: S or T?]
- Author, "— Le droit est-il une arme?", (2017) 62:2 *McGill Law Journal* 567 [Is Law a Weapon]
- Author, "— "Quelques décisions d'intérêt en matière de cyberdiffamation 2016", (2017) 29:2 *Cahiers de propriété intellectuelle* 233. [Decisions of interest in cyberslander/diffamation law]
- Author, "— Nécessité fait loi ou le bonheur régit de la police québécoise", Our dear neighbours' column (2016) 15 *Légitim* 60 [Necessity knows law, or the good spirits of the Quebec trust]
- Coauthor, "— *Farmers, drivers, debtors and the IBA: Where Conflict Meets Frustration*" (2016) 33:3 *National Insolve* Review 28
- The Best Lawyers in Canada in the field of Construction Law, 2024
- Recognized as a Future Star, Benchmark Litigation, 2023
- The Canadian Legal LEXPERT® Directory in the field of Class Actions and Corporate Commercial Litigation, since 2023
- The Canadian Legal LEXPERT® Directory in the field of Corporate and Commercial Litigation, Products and Liability Law (consumer law), since 2022
- The Best Lawyers in Canada since 2021, in the fields of Class Action Litigation, Products Liability Law (consumer law) and Corporate and Commercial Litigation
- Winner, Legal Competition, Quebec Bar Foundation, category *Legal Article Manuscript*
- 2018 Lawyer of the Year (Civil and Commercial Litigation), Young Bar of Montreal, Leaders of Tomorrow Gala
- First prize, Tony Penners International Public Speaking Contest, 2016 (Luxembourg)
- First prize, most court competition of the Thirtieth International Conference of Bar Associations of Common Legal Tradition, 2015 (Croatia, Benin)
- 2015 Speaker's Prize (first prize in the French speaking contest), Young Bar of Montreal



Education

■ LL.M., University of Cambridge, 2009

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