

Me Michel A. Jeanniot CIArb.**Biographical notes**

A good academic background, perfectly bilingual, (English / French) a rich professional experience as a legal counsel having acted in a complex political and administrative environment and a good knowledge in management, make Me Jeanniot a solid choice with the required skills to satisfy almost any mandate.

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Professional experience:

Registered with the Quebec Bar and member of the Canadian Bar Association since 1985, and since 2013, he is a member of the New York State Bar Association. He has always been in private practice. At the beginning of his career, he was involved in all aspects of civil law (excluding matrimonial law). Since then, his expertise has shifted to commercial, transactional, banking, surety and insurance law, construction law including all activities surrounding these facets of the law.

In the course of his practice, he is called upon to provide numerous services to banks, trust companies, insurance companies and other financial institutions, as well as to the business community in general; he is also a beneficiary of the Bar of Montreal's reference service in commercial, real estate, construction and civil matters.

He initially acted as counsel to several Canadian and offshore corporations (Jersey Island, Bahamas, Delaware and Florida as well as some European corporations).

He acts in litigation, consulting, preparation of agreements, negotiation and execution of financial transactions such as: loans, credit agreements, syndicated financing, real estate financing, project financing, construction loans, bills of exchange, etc. As an experienced lawyer, it goes without saying that he has had the opportunity to plead before all Quebec

jurisdictions as well as the Federal Court and the Supreme Court of Canada (although he favours negotiation in dispute resolution).

In the summer of 2005, he was first accredited as an (commercial) Arbitrator and as of February 1, 2007, he accepted the presidency of the Canadian Commercial Arbitration Centre (CCAC) (www.ccac-adr.org), a leading national firm specializing in alternative dispute resolution. Concurrently, he founded the firm JEANNIOT & Ass, L.L.P. / S.E.N.C.R.L. (www.jeanniot.ca), now JEANNIOT Inc. Lawyers | Notaries & Jurisconsultants, a boutique firm providing a wide range of services to banks, trust and investment companies, insurance companies and other financial institutions as well as to the business community in general.

Some of his achievements and personal information

He has actively collaborated in the drafting of six (6) legal training courses (on a multitude of subjects such as mandate, successions, corporate veil, securities, labour and construction law). These courses were requested by a private Ontario network for broadcast (with Me Jeanniot as presenter).

Mr. Jeanniot has been listed in Who's who in America since 1996, in Who's who in Finance and Industry since the 96-97 edition and in World Wide Who's who since 2012. He is an active member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, National College of Advocacy (Commercial Section).

Fellow Pound Civil Justice Institute

Mr. Jeanniot is a **Fellow** of the Pound Civil Justice Institute since 2011. The Pound Civil Justice Institute is an international legal society (a "think tank") created by members of the Canadian and American bars dedicated to ensuring access to justice (both state and private). The Institute works to provide lawyers, judges, law professors and the public with a balanced view of issues affecting the various civil justice systems.

Governor member of the Quebec Bar Foundation since 2019. The Foundation plays its role by supporting legal research, encouraging the pursuit of excellence through its legal competition, participating in major projects in partnership with (among others) the Ministry of Justice, universities and community organizations, publishing freely available legal information materials for legal professionals, their clients and the public at large, and organizing conferences and web-conferences to impart legal knowledge.

Member of the Board :

- **The Jeanniot Foundation** which, since 2007, through donations, helps non-profit institutions of a cultural, educational, scientific or charitable nature.
- **SORECONI** an organization incorporated under the provisions of the Canada Business Corporations Act on June 15, 1994 whose purpose is to promote and provide alternative dispute resolution methods, in particular, traditional and expedited arbitration under the Canadian Motor Vehicle Arbitration Plan ("CAMVAP")
- **CCAC** (the Canadian Commercial Arbitration Center) A non-profit organization, recognized leader since 1986 in alternative dispute resolution services, acting as representative and independent manager of private, public and parapublic arbitration programs. The Centre is the only such non-profit organization in Québec

Trainer / Speaker

Since 2011, Mr. Jeanniot has been acting as a trainer for the graduate program in project management and his involvement consists in transmitting fundamental knowledge and skills to project managers on alternative dispute resolution methods.

More recently, Mtre Jeanniot acted as a trainer / lecturer for a training session entitled "L'Arbitrage : principe et pratiques" within the 86th session of the Chamber of Notary's advanced training courses (which is intended for law professionals who already have knowledge of corporate law and which addresses the principles and practices of commercial arbitration).

Publications

As a lawyer and arbitrator he periodically publishes legal information circulars for selected clients, and more publicly, as an arbitrator and juriconsult he contributes to the Global Arbitration Review (www.globalarbitrationreview.com) and sits on the liaison committee of ACB Mediation (Netherlands), ADR Center (Italy), CEDR Solve (UK), CMAP (France), JAMS (USA) and CCAC (Canada).

He is a member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of the Canadian Bar Association and its provincial and territorial divisions.

Mr. Jeanniot is also accredited in :

- International Arbitration;
- General Commercial Arbitration;
- Conciliation and mediation in franchising matters;
- Arbitration on construction arbitration programs under the auspices of the Régie des bâtiments du Québec ("R.B.Q.")
- Arbitrator (civil & commercial division) under the national agreement with the health and social services sector (the "CPNSSS")
- Independent Arbitration Specialist (Federal level) for the Canadian Motor Vehicle Arbitration Plan (CAMVAP)
- Specialized Arbitration for Consumer and IIROC (Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada) Member Disputes
- Arbitration of lawyers' fee accounts of the Quebec Bar
- "Intervenants-experts", pursuant to the Act respecting contracting by public bodies (RLRQ c C-65.1) and by Ministerial Order No. 2018-1 of the President of the Treasury Board [as part of the implementation of a project to facilitate payment to businesses involved in public construction contracts and related public sub-contracts].(for the province of Québec)
- Adjudicator ("Certified Expert Adjudicator") empowered to adjudge disputes and render decisions under the Federal Prompt Payment for Construction Work Act

Accreditation and/or recognition issued by :

- i) The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb.)

- ii) The Vancouver International Arbitration Centre (VanIAC)
- iii) The Canadian Commercial Arbitration Centre (CCAC)
- iv) The Quebec Bar
- v) Canadian Motor Vehicle Arbitration Program (CAMVAP)
- vi) The Institute of Mediation and Arbitration of Quebec (IMAQ)
- vii) The Régie des bâtiments du Québec (RBQ)
- viii) The Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC)
- ix) The state Treasury Board Secretariat
- X) Canada Dispute Adjudication for Construction Contracts («CanDACC») the authority responsible for the administration of disputes following the coming into force of the *Federal Prompt Payment for Construction Work Act*, S.C. 2019, c. 29, s. 387

He is also a member of the Disciplinary Council of the Quebec Bar

As an arbitrator and since 2005, he has accumulated more than thirty (30) decisions per year (mostly related to the construction industry) and his intermediate resolution time (nomination to award) in matters concerning the R.B.Q. or litigation involving consumers and IIROC members is 30 days and in matters of international arbitration and/or general commercial arbitration 120 days.

As President of the CCAC, he supervises more than sixty (60) arbitrators, and an annual average of (+/-) three hundred (300) arbitration requests in civil, commercial and corporate matters.

As president of JEANNIOT Inc. he leads a team of fourteen (14) lawyers and five (5) interns, paralegals and students.

Although autonomous, Me Jeanniot favors collegiality. He considers that the resolution of conflicts must pass through a service addressing with celerity a healthy management and administration of the litigants' files; to this end, he favors an active participation of all the interveners and when appropriate, a multidisciplinary collaboration.

Thanks to his Cartesian approach and his ability to conceive strategic (and sometimes innovative) solutions, Me Jeanniot is more than just a Jurist.