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Amélie T. Gouin is a partner at the Montréal office of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (BLG). She has a diversified practice in civil and commercial litigation, with a focus on class actions, complex commercial disputes, construction disputes and insurance law.

She represents companies, institutions and insurers in high-stakes matters, both before the courts and in alternative dispute resolution. Amélie is recognized for her ability to navigate complex legal environments, anticipate risks and develop effective strategies aligned with her clients' objectives.

She has particular expertise in disputes involving software implementation, working at the intersection of law, technology and contract governance. She supports her clients in managing IT projects, handling contract disputes, addressing performance issues and pursuing liability claims.

Her interest in food law is reflected in her work on disputes involving regulatory compliance, manufacturer liability and product traceability. She supports clients in resolving these disputes strategically, with an insider's grasp of the industry.

Amélie regularly works with technical experts, engineers, IT consultants and agri-food professionals to deliver integrated, pragmatic legal solutions. She applies a rigorous, strategic and human approach in her practice, always centred on her clients' needs.

Beyond her professional work, Amélie is also highly active in the community. She has served on the board of directors of the Pediatric Research Foundation since 2019 and of the Alexis Le Trotteur early childhood centre (CPE) since 2022. She also served on the board of the École de Cirque de Verdun (2017–2019) and the Canadian Association for Food Law and Policy (CAFLP) (2019–2024).

She was deeply involved with the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Montréal (JCCM), where she served as Secretary (2013–2016) and then as President (2016–2018). She was also a member of the board of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Montreal Foundation from 2016 to 2024.

Since 2017, she has been an instructor with the Collège des administrateurs de sociétés, delivering annual training sessions on the legal duties of directors of not-for-profit organizations.

Experience

- *Agence du revenu du Québec c. Fujitsu Conseil (Canada) inc. et Fujistsu Canada inc.* (litigation over implementation of the DXP software platform)
- *Avalon Corporate Solutions Corp. c. APR Supply Co.* (litigation concerning implementation of a warehouse management system (WMS))
- *Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society et al. (Blais v.)* (class action relating to alleged sexual assaults by Jehovah's Witnesses)
- Mediation and arbitration regarding cost overruns on various construction projects
- Advice on legal requirements for the labelling of prepackaged foods, including sanctions related to food compliance
- *Glaxosmithkline LLC v. Boukhris et al* (intervention of the Fonds de recherche du Québec to prevent the transmission of confidential data)
- *Association des Hôtels du Grand Montréal (AHGM) (Presti-Presse c.)* (a breach-of-contract dispute)
- *Rockwell Collins inc. and Rockwell Collins Electro-Mechanical Systems inc. v. Bombardier inc. and Learjet inc.* (a breach-of-contract dispute)
- *Metzeler Schaum inc. c. Bombardier inc.* (a breach-of-contract dispute)
- Mediation in a shareholders' dispute in a sanitary landfill matter
- *6362222 Canada inc. (Groupe Créatech) (Prelco c.*) (dispute regarding the implementation of an integrated management (ERP) system and the validity of a non-liability clause)
- International commercial arbitration in the field of natural health products relating to alleged misrepresentations affecting the sale price of an enterprise
- Amélie was also deeply involved in the case of *The Queen v. Luka Rocco Magnotta*, accompanying the victim's family throughout the trial

Insights & Events

- Trainer, "Le conseil d'administration et la loi," Réseau Jeunes Administrateurs, Jeune chambre de commerce de Montréal (since 2017)
- Trainer, "Le conseil d'administration et les aspects juridiques," Administrateurs de la relève, Regroupement des jeunes chambres de commerce du Québec (since 2017)
- Trainer, "Le conseil d'administration et les aspects juridiques," Secrétariat à la Jeunesse (since 2017)
- Speaker, "Les actions collectives et le droit agroalimentaire," Colloque national sur l'action collective, Barreau du Québec, 2022

- Speaker, "Les actions collectives et le droit agroalimentaire," Colloque annuel canadien en droit et politiques publiques agroalimentaires – À table : Nourishing Hrd Conversations in Food Law and Policy, 3 novembre 2022
- Author, "COVID-19: The exceptional right to renegotiate the terms of a contract in the absence of a force majeure", BLG Article, April 2020
- Co-Speaker, “Data Breach Responses & remedies,”, Annual Meeting of the Association of Fraternal Benefit Counsel, May 2019
- Speaker, “Les actions collectives et le sucre,” 4e École d'été internationale sur la sécurité alimentaire “Planète sucre: pouvoirs et savoirs” organized by the Chaire de recherche en droit sur la diversité et la sécurité alimentaires (DDSA) and the Institut sur la nutrition et les aliments fonctionnels (INAF) in partnership with the Institut EDS, May 10, 2019
- Co-speaker, “Actions collectives en droit agroalimentaire et fraude alimentaire,” Third Annual Canadian Food Law and Policy Conference: Food Law Innovations, September 26, 2018
- Trainer, “Le conseil d'administration et la loi,” La jeunesse en gouvernance, Carrefour jeunesse-emploi Montréal Centre-ville, March 3, 2018
- Speaker, “Québec Food Law Related Class Actions: Trends and Lessons,” Taking Stock – Food Law & Policy in Canada, November 4, 2017
- Co-speaker, “Le leadership chez nos jeunes, comment et pourquoi le développer ?” Pensionnat du Saint-Nom-de-Marie, May 9, 2017
- Co-speaker, Lunch and Learn – What is Food Law?, McGill Food Law Society, March 9, 2017
- Speaker, “False and Misleading Representations in the Food Industry: Risk Management and Product Liability,” The Future of Food Law & Policy in Canada, November 3, 2016
- Co-author, “Chronique – Les offres de services en implantation logicielle : comment s'assurer que les services rendus répondent aux besoins exprimés – Une analyse détaillée de la décision Bal Global,” Repères, October 2015
- Co-speaker, “Les offres de services en implantation logicielle : comment s'assurer que les services rendus répondent aux besoins exprimés,” Commercial Litigation Symposium, June 17, 2015
- Author, “Does Québec's New Code of Civil Procedure Innovate Enough: A Comparative Analysis between Québec's Past and Future Codes and Ontario's Rules,” 2014 ARCL 477
- Co-Author, "Les ordonnances d'injonction de type Anton Piller, Mareva et Norwich," Développements récents en droit de la propriété intellectuelle, 2014

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Québec Bar Association
- Member, Young Bar of Montreal
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Junior Chamber of Commerce of Montréal (2013-2024)

Community Involvement

- Director, Pediatric Research Foundation (since 2019)
- Director, Alexis Le Trotteur early childhood centre (CPE) (since 2022)
- Director, Canadian Association for Food Law and Policy (2019-2024)
- Director, Junior Chamber of Commerce of Montréal Foundation (2016-2024)
- Director, École de Cirque de Verdun (2017-2019)
- Director, Jeune chambre de commerce de Montréal (2013-2018)

Awards & Recognition

- Recipient of the “Administrateur de la Relève” Award at the 2018 “Gala Les Grands Prix de la Relève d’Affaires” organized by the “Regroupement des jeunes chambres de commerce du Québec”
- Recipient of the Women's Executive Network (WXN) 2016 Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award
- Finalist in competing for the title of "Avocat(e) pro bono/implication sociale" at the Young Bar Association of Montréal Gala in 2013

Bar Admission & Education

- Québec, 2012

- BCL/LLB (Civil Law and Common Law), McGill University, 2011
- BA (Hons.) in Political Science, McGill University, 2008

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