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François handles complex litigation, class actions, and injunctions for a wide variety of clients. His expertise includes:

- contract disputes
- civil liability and tort
- transportation law
- insurance defense
- injunctions

In these fields, he regularly litigates cross-border disputes, drawing from his education in both common and civil law from McGill University.

Early in his career, he gained significant trial experience in a nine-month long trial on the merits of the class action relating to the Lac-Mégantic rail accident (*Ouellet c. Compagnie de chemin de fer Canadien Pacifique*, 2022 QCCS 4643).

In addition to his commercial litigation practice, François leads a public interest case against the Montréal Police Department, alleging civil liability for excessive use of force causing death.

He is a cited author by the Supreme Court of Canada in the *References re Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act*, 2021 SCC 11.

During his studies, he represented McGill University at the Davies Securities Law Moot (2018), where his team won the Award for Best Factums.

## Insights & Events

- Cited, "References re Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act, 2021 SCC 11", Supreme Court of Canada, March 2021
- Author, "BLG clients Aimia Inc. and Kognitiv Corporation have a significant win", BLG Article, June 2020
- Author, "Duties, Conflicts, and Politics in the Litigation Offices of the Attorney General", Journal of Parliamentary and Political Law, May 2018

## Bar Admission & Education

- Québec, 2020
- BCL/LLB, McGill University, 2019
- BA, Economics & Political Science, McGill University, 2015

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