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Mélanie defends healthcare and social service establishments in hospital and **medical liability** proceedings and **directors' and officers' liability** proceedings, including **class actions**. She regularly pleads before the Québec courts and focuses her practice in the following fields:

- medical and healthcare professional liability
- legal psychiatry issues
- consent to care
- human rights
- interpretation of the legislative framework applicable to healthcare establishments and social services

She has served as a lecturer and guest professor, teaching the concepts of medical and hospital professional liability, as well as of the **rights of users**. She is a co-founding member of the Health Law Section of the Quebec Branch of the Canadian Bar Association.

## Insights & Events

- Author, "Court of Appeal rules on the waiver of professional secrecy at the Authorization Stage", BLG Article, May 2021
- Trends to watch in 2021 – Health care: the evolving landscape, BLG Perspective, January 2021
- Speaker, "Les dossiers qui nous parlent : preuve médicale et litige successoral," Colloque Les développements récents en successions et fiducies, Barreau du Québec, March 18, 2016
- Author, "Les dossiers qui nous parlent : preuve médicale et litige successoral," Développements récents en successions et fiducies, Barreau du Québec, March 2016.
- Outside Speaker, "La responsabilité médicale et hospitalière en défense" in the LL.B. program, in the course on "Droit, médecine et biologie," University of Ottawa, February 2016, March 2017 and April 2018
- Speaker, "Mourir dans la dignité : Cadre légal et défis d'application," Health Law Symposium, May 2015
- Speaker, "La note au dossier de l'usager : quel est son impact sur votre responsabilité professionnelle," lecture given at the invitation of the CISSS Montérégie-Centre, February 2015
- Outside speaker, "Regard concret sur le dossier d'un usager dans le contexte d'un recours en responsabilité médicale et hospitalière," in the LL.M. and Healthcare Policy Program, Université de Sherbrooke, November 2014 and April 2018
- Co-author, "Le dossier du patient et les renseignements de santé," Droit et Politiques de santé, October 2014
- Co-author, "Regard des tribunaux sur les droits des usagers," Droit et Politiques de santé, October 2014

## Beyond Our Walls

### Professional Involvement

- Co-foundress and member, Executive Committee of the Health Law Section, Quebec Branch of the Canadian Bar Association

### Community Involvement

- Co-foundress and member of the Organizing Committee, Les Corvées BLG, to assist the Fondation du Dr Julien (since 2014)

## Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2021) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Health Care Law)
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers in Canada* as the 2022 'Lawyer of the Year' in Montréal for Health Care Law
- Recognized in the 2022 and previous editions of *Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Medical Negligence)

## Bar Admission & Education

- Québec, 2000
- BCL/LL B, McGill University, 1999



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