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Education / Bar Admissions

BCL/LLB, McGill University, 1999

Québec, 2000

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 for *Les Convées BLG*, to assist the Fondation du Dr Julien (since 2014)

Member, Clinical Ethics Committee, Montréal Children's Hospital (2012-2015)

Co-foundress and Board member, *Étudiants dans la course*, a mentoring program for young students from a high-risk environment, in order to have them run a marathon (2009-2016)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mélanie Champagne is a partner who direct the specialized litigation team in our Health Law Group in our Montréal office. She defends healthcare and social service establishments in medical and hospital liability proceedings and directors' and officers' liability proceedings, including class actions. She has been practicing in that field since 2000. She focuses her practice in the following fields: medical and healthcare professional liability, legal psychiatry issues, consent to care, human rights and interpretation of the legislative framework applicable to healthcare establishments and social services. She regularly pleads before the Québec courts. 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, as well as a member of BLG's group of consultants for managers of seniors' residences and long-term care facilities.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

- Pleaded before tribunals and courts of justice, defending healthcare and social service establishments, primarily in civil and professional hospital liability and forensic psychiatry cases. Provides legal advice on healthcare law for staff members of the healthcare network.
- Provides advice and represents establishments in major settlement negotiations.
- Provides advice and accompaniment services in police, disciplinary or ethics-related investigations, as well as coroners' inquests.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- CHAMPAGNE, Mélanie, "Les dossiers qui nous parlent : preuve médicale et litige successoral," in *Développements récents en successions et fiducies*, Service de la formation continue, Barreau du Québec, Yvon Blais, March 2016, p. 105.
- 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.
- CHAMPAGNE, Mélanie and LAVILLE-PARKER, Eric-Alain, "Le dossier du patient et les renseignements de santé," in *Droit et Politiques de santé*, under the direction of Mélanie Bourassa Forcier and Anne-Marie Savard, LexisNexis, October 2014, p. 197.
- COURCHESNE, Suzanne and CHAMPAGNE, Mélanie, « Regard des tribunaux sur les droits des usagers », in *Droit et Politiques de santé*, under the direction of Mélanie Bourassa Forcier and Anne-Marie Savard, LexisNexis, October 2014, p. 701.
- Speaker, "Le DCI sur le droit chemin," Oacis Users Group 2014, June 2014.
- Speaker, "Quand soins de santé et droit se côtoient : de problématiques d'actualité à leurs solutions juridiques," Health Law Symposium, May 2014.
- Speaker, "La note au dossier de l'usager : quel est son impact sur votre responsabilité professionnelle," lecture given at the invitation of the CSSS de Gatineau, May 2014.
- Outside speaker "Les moyens de défense et le partage de responsabilité," presentation given in the LL.B. Program, in the course on civil responsibility, UQAM, March 2014.
- Outside speaker, "L'accès aux soins et aux services et l'accès à l'information et le droit à la confidentialité," in the Master's program in Health Law and Policy, Université de Sherbrooke, February 2014, February 2013, October 2012 and March 2010.
- Speaker, "L'accès aux soins et aux services et l'accès à l'information et le droit à la confidentialité," At large Training Program, Association des cadres supérieurs du réseau de la santé et des services sociaux," December 2013.
- Speaker, "Et les poursuites dans tout cela...", Mini-symposium: "Santé et technologies de l'information: tendances, développements et nouveaux enjeux juridiques," Canadian Bar Association, Québec Division, November 2013.
- Speaker, "La confidentialité des informations du dossier de l'usager à l'ère de l'informatisation," La mobilité dans tous ses états, Informatique-Santé, AQESSS, October 2013.
- Speaker, "Le vieillissement de la population et ses enjeux juridiques pour le

réseau de la santé," Health Law Symposium, June 2013.

- Speaker, "Démystifier le dossier clinique informatisé (DCI) et ses enjeux," Health Law Symposium, June 2013.
- Speaker, "Dossier clinique informatisé (DCI) : défis et enjeux de l'informatisation dans le milieu sociosanitaire," Conference of the Association sur l'accès et la protection de l'information (AAPI), April 2013.
- Speaker, "Les derniers développements jurisprudentiels en droit de la santé," Health Law Symposium, May 2012.
- Speaker, "Les enjeux de la santé mentale en milieu hospitalier : les droits des usagers et ceux des employés," Health Law Symposium, May 2012.
- Lecturer, "Droit, médecine et biologie," University of Ottawa, winter semester 2012.
- Speaker, "Le dossier de l'utilisateur: enjeux actuels en matière d'accès et de confidentialité," Health Law Symposium, June 2011.
- Speaker, "Les limites des ressources dans le secteur de la santé et les enjeux juridiques qui en découlent," Health Law Symposium, June 2010.

RANKINGS & RECOGNITIONS

- Recognized in the 2018 and 2017 editions of *Canadian Legal Expert® Directory* (Medical Negligence).

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