

## Awatif Lakhdar

### Partner

Awatif Lakhdar has been a member of the Family Law, personal law, and estate law group since May 2014. Called to the *Barreau du Québec* in 2002, she has been in private practice for more than a decade. Her primary area of practice is private international law, and she frequently pleads before all levels of the Quebec courts, including the Superior Court, the Court of Appeal, and the Federal Court. She is also a certified mediator.

Ms. Lakhdar has participated in seminars and conferences on the recognition of foreign judgments and the application of Muslim law to divorce. In collaboration with committees under the aegis of the Consulate General of the Kingdom of Morocco in Montréal, she has sponsored several events of a legal nature.

In 2011, Ms. Lakhdar was named “YBAM lawyer of the year in family law” at The leaders of tomorrow YBAM Gala. She was also one of three finalists at the Arab Women in Québec Trophy Gala.

Ms. Lakhdar speaks fluent Arabic.

### Representative mandates

Represent clients in international cases, including proceedings for divorce, legal separation, child custody, alimony, and the application of matrimonial regimes. She often defends clients in international child abduction cases in which the country of origin is not a signatory to the Hague Convention and has acted as legal advisor in cases involving the identification of matrimonial regimes in certain Muslim countries



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#### Languages

Arabic  
English  
French  
Italian

## Practice areas

**Family, Personal and Estate**

**Mediation and Arbitration**

In the context of mandates for divorce, nullity of marriage, and recognition of foreign judgments, she uses her expertise in citizenship and immigration to advise clients on the impact of the situation on their permanent residency status in Canada and/or the sponsorship agreement concluded with the provincial and federal immigration authorities

## Distinctions

- YBAM lawyer of the year in family law at The leaders of tomorrow YBAM Gala in 2011
- One of three finalists at the Arab Women in Québec Trophy Gala in 2011
- Recipient of an award in 2016 for services rendered to develop economic relations between Canada and Morocco, given by the Moroccan Chamber of Commerce & Industry in Canada

## Professional and community activities

- Member of the Family law committee of the *Barreau du Québec*
- Member of the Canadian Bar Association
- Member of the Executive Committee of the Wills, Estates and Trusts Section of the Canadian Bar Association - Québec Division
- Member of the Disciplinary committee of the *Barreau du Québec*
- Member of the Family Law Approval Committee of Pro Bono Québec
- Association of Family Law Lawyers of Quebec
- Chambre de commerce et d'industrie Al Maghreb au Canada*
- Member of the Canadian Bar Association
- Member of the Disciplinary Committee of the *Barreau du Québec*

## Distinctions

- The Best Lawyers in Canada in the field of Family Law since 2020



## Education

LL.B., *Université du Québec à Montréal*, 2001

Member of the *Barreau du Québec* since 2002

## Boards and Professional Affiliations

Member of the Family law committee of the *Barreau du Québec*

Member of the Disciplinary committee of the *Barreau du Québec*

Association of Family Law Lawyers of Québec

*Chambre de commerce et d'industrie Al Maghreb au Canada*

## Specialities

Certified mediator