

Stéphanie Destrempes

Partner

Stéphanie Destrempes works in the Franchising and Distribution group. She represents Quebec franchisors and distributors from various industries, including the foodservice, retail, service, and health and wellness industries, in matters relating to implementing business models, developing operational structures, managing and restructuring franchise networks, expanding networks outside Quebec, setting up new foreign networks in Quebec, trademark protection, and mergers and acquisitions. She also develops commercial agreements such as franchise, license, affiliation, management, service, distribution, supply agreements, commercial leases, asset and share purchase agreements and security agreements.

Stéphanie also collaborates in the writing of article and is also acting as a speaker on these topics.

She represents and advises private and institutional lenders, trustees and receivers in connection with the enforcement of security interests, whether commercial, agricultural or private. She has experience in the application of the *Farm Debt Mediation Act* and the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, as well as in the analysis of security interests. She has been invited to give lectures on these subjects to various industry stakeholders.

A member of the Barreau du Québec since January 2008, Stéphanie is known for her dedication, diligence and ability to simplify complex legal concepts. Her clients and peers appreciate her accessibility, courtesy and availability. She has been actively involved with various organizations and committees, particularly in the franchising sector, for many years.

Publications

Author, "Expansion d'un réseau de franchises hors Québec: les lois sur la franchise applicables au Canada



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Bar Admission

Québec, 2008

Languages

English
French

et les obligations de divulgation d'information du franchiseur," *Développements récents en droit de la franchise*, Barreau du Québec, vol. 470, Éditions Yvon Blais, 2020

Author, "Revue de décisions en droit de la franchise (2019)," *Les Cahiers de la Propriété intellectuelle*, Vol. 32, No. 2, Éditions Yvon Blais, 2020

Author, "Franchising in Quebec," *The Franchise Voice*, Winter 2019

Author, "Revue jurisprudentielle 2017 en droit de la franchise et distribution," *Les Cahiers de la Propriété intellectuelle*, Vol. 30, No. 2, Éditions Yvon Blais, 2018

Co-author with Mr. Jean-Philippe Turgeon and Mr. Craig Tractenberg, "The duty of policing franchise system," *Franchise Law Journal*, published by the American Bar Association, Forum on Franchising, Vol. 36, No. 1

Collaborator, "Les dix clauses d'importance d'un contrat de franchise", *Cours de perfectionnement du notariat*, (2016), 1C.P. du N. 273

Co-author with Mr. Jean-Philippe Turgeon, "The implied duty to act in good faith in franchise agreements: the takeaways from the Canadian case Bertico Inc. v. Dunkin's Brands Canada Ltd.," for the International Bar Association, 2015

"Les dix jugements essentiels en droit de la franchise au Québec," for the Research and Legislation Committee of the Young Bar of Montreal, 2015

Collaborator, "Franchising in Canada (and Québec): Duality of Laws and Culture," *Lexpert*, 2014

Lectures

"Jurisprudence récente en droit de la franchise," *Regroupement des praticiens du droit des marques de commerce (RPM)*, November 2020

"Caféwebinaire – COVID-19," in collaboration with the *Conseil québécois de la franchise*, a round table discussion among franchisors on the management and impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, November 2020

"Expansion d'un réseau de franchises hors Québec : les lois sur la franchise applicables au

Practice areas

Franchising and Distribution

Commercial

Restructuring and Insolvency

Canada et les obligations de divulgation d'information du franchiseur," *Développements récents en droit de la franchise*, Barreau du Québec, October 2020

"Déjeuner-causerie: La Franchise et ses applications," in-house presentation, April 2019

"Aspects particuliers de la franchise," client presentation, November 2018

"Honnêteté et réseau, droit applicable en matière de franchise et jurisprudence récente," in-house presentation, March 2017

"Becoming a Franchisee," The Franchise Expo, National Event Management, February, April and November 2016

"Le crédit-bail, le Nouveau Code de procédure civil depuis son adoption et formalités dans le cadre de la réalisation," client presentation, April 2016

"Le Nouveau Code de procédure civile, rappel en matière de réalisation de sûretés et meilleures pratiques liées à la réalisation," client presentation, April 2015

"Le droit de la franchise et ses applications," March 2015

"Les impacts de nature environnementale dans le cadre de la réalisation de garanties," client presentation, May 2014

"Droit de la faillite et l'insolvabilité, Rappels pratiques," January 2014

Professional and community activities

Founder and member of the *Femmes en toute Franchise* Committee of the *Conseil québécois de la franchise*, since 2018

Gala Maillon d'or Committee of the *Conseil québécois de la franchise*, since 2018

Organizing Committee of the *Conseil québécois de la franchise* Golf Tournament, since 2016

Nomination subcommittee of the *Gala Maillon d'or*, *Conseil québécois de la franchise*, since 2016

Research and Legislation Committee of the Young Bar of Montreal, June 2015 to October 2016

Member of the Association of Quebec Women in Finance's Professional Development and Advancement Committee, since September 2015

Prêt à Entreprendre Committee (*Chambre de commerce et d'industrie de la Rive-Sud*), September 2015 to September 2016

Fundraising Dinner Organizing Committee to benefit the Canadian Cancer Society, Saint-Hyacinthe region, 2009 to 2016

Director (treasurer) of the *Maison de la famille des Maskoutains*, 2012 to 2015

Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life Organizing Committee, Saint-Hyacinthe region, 2009 to 2014

Education

LL.B., *Université de Montréal*, 2006

Boards and Professional Affiliations

Member of the Association of Québec Women in Finance