

## Bernard Larocque

### Partner

Bernard Larocque is a partner whose practice focuses primarily on civil litigation, including defamation law, insurance law, class actions, professional liability, and administrative disputes. He frequently appears before the courts, including the Supreme Court of Canada and the Quebec Court of Appeal.

Mr. Larocque regularly speaks at conferences on various subjects such as insurance law, liability, and civil procedure.

### Representative mandates

- Represent numerous companies, including news organizations, in defamation suits as either plaintiff or defendant
- Represent an international engineering consulting firm in a billion-dollar class action related to contaminated soil
- Represent a major law firm in professional liability proceedings related to a public offering
- Represent several insurance companies in litigation related to damages totalling tens of millions of dollars as a result of flooding in several municipalities
- Represent energy company in a class action related to the operation of a hydro-electric dam

### Publications

- La proposition d'assurance par internet : où en sommes-nous ? Développements récents en droit des assurances 2016*, Jonathan Lacoste-Jobin, Bernard Larocque and Leïla Yacoubi, *Barreau du Québec*, Éditions Yvon Blais, vol. 423, p. 49
- Honesty of financial advisors and discretion of the *Autorité des marchés financiers*: the Québec Court of Appeal rules, *Need to Know 2016*, Catherine Pariseault and Bernard Larocque
- Fraud, nullity and compulsory professional liability insurance: the Québec Court of Appeal rules in, *Need to Know 2016*, Bernard Larocque
- The Québec Court of Appeal rules on the duty to defend and the exclusion of liability assumed by contract, *Need to Know 2016*, Jonathan Lacoste-Jobin and Bernard Larocque
- The Supreme Court of Canada will not review the duty of the insured to collaborate, *Need to Know Express 2016*, Jonathan Lacoste-Jobin and Bernard Larocque
- Overlapping Insurance Policies: The Court of Appeal of Ontario Toes the Line! In Fact and in Law, Mary Delli Quadri and Bernard Larocque, April 2014
- The Theratechnologies Case, In Fact and in Law Express, Jean-Philippe Lincourt and Bernard Larocque, March 2014
- Pension Plans and Class Actions: the Vivendi case, In Fact and in Law Express, Josée Dumoulin, François Parent, and Bernard Larocque, January 2014
- The Robinson Case: the Final Chapter, In Fact and in Law, Bernard Larocque, Jonathan Lacoste-Jobin, with the collaboration of Jérôme Bélanger, January 2014
- The liability insurer's duty to defend: what is the lawyer's role? Bernard Larocque and Jonathan Lacoste-Jobin, *Recent developments in insurance law 2013*, *Barreau du Québec*, Éditions Yvon Blais, vol. 373
- Professional liability insurance and gross fault: the Court of Appeal sings a different tune, In Fact and in Law Express, Bernard Larocque, September 2012
- Liability Insurance, professional activities and gross fault: the Québec Court of Appeal sets the record straight, *Lloyd's of London v. Alimentation Denis & Mario Guillemette*, In Fact and in Law Express and ChADPresse, Bernard Larocque, August 2012
- Self-insured retention amounts: what is their scope in civil law?\* Louis Charette and Bernard Larocque, *Recent developments in insurance law*, *Barreau du Québec*, Éditions Yvon Blais, vol. 337

### Lectures

- Panelist at the 14th annual *Barreau du Québec* national conference on class actions, March 23, 2017, on the topic of class actions in environmental law
- The lawyer and best litigation practices*,\* Bernard Larocque, courses given to students at the *Barreau du Québec* – since 2013
- Insurance in the context of commercial leasing*,\* training given by Bernard Larocque to the Real Estate Law Group – October 21, 2014
- 2016 Annual review of insurance case law*,\* Bernard Larocque and Jonathan Lacoste-Jobin, Lavery Symposium, January 27, 2017 / *Conférence Jean-Bélanger en assurance de dommages*, January 31, 2017 / *Chambre de l'assurance de l'assurance de dommages du Québec*, February 21, 2017 / Canadian Insurance Claims Managers Association, February 23, 2017



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**Bar Admission**

Québec, 1995

### Languages

English  
French

### Practice areas

**Information, Privacy and  
Defamation**

**Class Actions**

**Professional Liability**

**Insurance**

**Special Risk Insurance**

2015 Annual review of insurance case law, \* Bernard Larocque and Jonathan Lacoste-Jobin, Lavery Symposium, January 14 and 15, 2014 / *Conférence Jean-Bélanger en assurance de dommages*, January 22, 2014 / Canadian Insurance Claims Managers Association, February 12, 2014

2014 Annual review of insurance case law, \* Bernard Larocque and Jonathan Lacoste-Jobin, Lavery Symposium, January 21, 2015 / *Conférence Jean-Bélanger en assurance de dommages*, January 22, 2015 / Canadian Insurance Claims Managers Association, February 11, 2015

2013 Annual review of insurance case law, \* Bernard Larocque and Jonathan Lacoste-Jobin, Lavery Symposium, January 14 and 15, 2014 / *Conférence Jean-Bélanger en assurance de dommages*, January 22, 2014 / Canadian Insurance Claims Managers Association, February 12, 2014

*The liability insurer's duty to defend: what is the lawyer's role?* Bernard Larocque, Recent developments in insurance law symposium, Montréal, October 4, 2013

*The good and the bad of the insurer's duty to defend*, Bernard Larocque and Jonathan Lacoste-Jobin, Lavery, October 24 and 25, 2012

*L'exclusion des travaux de l'assuré : l'arrêt Progressive Homes, 2010 CSC 33*, Bernard Larocque with the collaboration of M<sup>e</sup> Odette Jobin-Laberge, Ad.E., *Institut d'assurance de dommages*, Montréal, April 4, 2012

\* Title translated from the French.

## Distinctions

*The Canadian Legal LEXPERT® Directory* in the field of Litigation and Commercial insurance, since 2018

*The Best Lawyers in Canada* in the fields of Class Action Litigation and Insurance Law, since 2012

*The Best Lawyers in Canada* in the field of Professional Malpractice Law, since 2020

Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers



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## Education

LL.B., *Université Laval*, 1994

## Boards and Professional Affiliations

Chairman of the Board of Directors of *Justice Pro Bono*, since 2020

Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America

Canadian Bar Association

Member of the board of directors since 2010, treasurer (2011-2014) and vice-president since 2015 of *ProBono Québec*

Member and chair of the board of directors of *Les Deux Mondes* theatre company since 2014

Member of the task force on the *Best Practices Guide* of the *Barreau du Québec*, since 2011

Member of the board of directors of Théâtre I.N.K., 2009-2012

Lecturer at *Université de Montréal*, 2008-2010

Member and chair of the board of directors of GEIPSI (community organization) 2002-2009

