

Marie-Denise Vane

Associate

Marie-Denise Vane is part of the Litigation and Conflict Resolution group. She joined the Lavery team as a student in the summer of 2021, and completed her articling with the firm in March 2024. She graduated in law from McGill University and also obtained a Master in intellectual property law from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

During her law studies, Marie-Denise completed an internship with a judge of the Superior Court of Quebec and with the Montreal | Laval legal aid office in immigration law. She has also worked as a research assistant, notably for the McGill Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism. In addition, she has participated in the International Human Rights Internship Program of her Faculty. She then worked for the Legal Services Board of Nunavut, in family law and child protection, and in criminal law.

On the strength of these experiences, Marie-Denise has a great interest for litigation. She successfully participated in the Laskin moot court competition in administrative and constitutional law. Among others, she won third place as best oralist, as well as best school and best pair of litigants with her teammates. Throughout law school, she has also acted as a mentor for CEGEP students for the CSQ-Juripop moot court competition, in which she had participated herself.

She will undertake a clerkship at the Federal Court of Appeal in 2024-2025, then at the Supreme Court of Canada in 2025-2026.



Publications

■ Marie-Denise Vane, “[Fighting for IP Equity: A Zoom on the Forthcoming Who Pandemic Agreement](#)”
(2024) 9:3 LSE Law Review 372

■ Marie-Denise Vane, “[Questioning the Potential of the Forthcoming WIPO’s Diplomatic Conference on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources: Endless Negotiations Coming to a Successful End?](#)”
(2023) 9:1 LSE Law Review 48 (3 Verulam Buildings Prize for Best Overall Submission 2024)

■ Alain Y. Dussault and Marie-Denise Vane, “Grey market in Canada, the Court of Appeal adds a few shades” [title translated from French], in Barreau du Québec, Service de la formation continue, *Développements récents en droit de la propriété intellectuelle* (2021), vol 501, Montreal (QC), Éditions Yvon Blais, 201, 205 (also available online through the CAIJ website).

■ Marie-Denise Vane, “[The Failure of the Right to Equality: A Case for Constitutionalizing the Right](#)”

 **Respect**” [title translated from French] (2020) 9:1 Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism Working Paper Series :

Professional and community activities

 Pro Bono Students Canada, 2018–present, Volunteer

 Mobile Legal Clinic, 2019–2020, Volunteer

Education

 LL.M., Master of Laws, Intellectual Property Law Specialism, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2023, with distinction

 B.C.L./J.D., joint degree in Civil Law and Common Law, McGill University

Boards and Professional Affiliations

 Forward Movements artistic company, 2023–present, Member of the Board of directors, Corporate secretary

 Law Needs Feminism Because – McGill Chapter, 2018–2021, Co-Coordinator