

NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Our Expertise

Not-for-profit organizations (NPOs) already face many business challenges, on top of having to navigate federal and provincial legislation. Officers and board members are under constant scrutiny and their responsibilities are always increasing; they must act ethically, be transparent in their practices and ensure the integrity of their financial information. To ensure the sustainability of their organization, they no longer have any choice but to rely on professionals who can offer the best legal and business advice.

NPOs are a very important sector for Lavery. We understand the regulatory framework and financial limits that govern their operation. We make every effort to offer the most appropriate, innovative and effective solutions.

At Lavery, you can count on a team that has proven itself with a large number of NPOs such as hospitals, health and social services organizations, professional associations and orders, community organizations, sports leagues, charities, private family foundations, educational institutions, religious organizations and environmental groups.

Many of our lawyers sit on boards of directors and hold leadership positions in industry and trade associations, professional associations, charities and universities. This experience allows our professionals to support community efforts and to better understand the challenges of the non-profit environment. We have a long history of helping organizations in this sector establish sound legal practices to ensure the success of their operations.

Our Services

By doing business with Lavery, you get access to integrated services and expertise that is in line with the needs of NPOs, including:

- > Regulatory compliance
- > Creation and organization of a NPO
- > Training for directors, officers, employees, suppliers and various partners on compliance, ethics and corruption
- > Risk management and directors' liability
- > Governance and administration of a NPO
- > Planning and optimization of the tax structure
- > Directors' liability and obligations
- > Restructuring
- > Corporate secretarial services: preparing annual resolutions of the directors for the approval of financial statements and the appointment of officers, as well as preparing draft minutes of the AGM

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Lavery at a Glance

- ✓ **A trusted and strategic advisor:** We act as trusted and strategic advisors, going well beyond simply giving you a legal answer. We take a pragmatic and practical approach with our clients, always keeping in mind their business realities and favouring creative, practical and accessible advice.
- ✓ **A 360° approach:** With an integrated team of more than 200 professionals based in Montréal, Québec City, Trois-Rivières and Sherbrooke, Lavery is committed to delivering a 360° approach by offering personalized and innovative legal solutions in business law, labour and employment law, litigation and conflict resolution, public and administrative law and intellectual property. Our one-stop service is one of our firm's strengths.
- ✓ **A respected firm:** Lavery was named Quebec Law Firm of the Year at the 2020 *Canadian Law Awards* and is one of the largest independent law firms in Quebec according to Canadian Lawyer's Top 10 Quebec Regional Law Firms.
- ✓ **Recognized lawyers:** Our lawyers are recipients of numerous awards. Several of them are recognized as leaders in various fields and are recommended in several directories, such as the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory, The Best Lawyers in Canada and Chambers Canada.
- ✓ **A national and international network:** Lavery has established partnerships with other firms outside Quebec and can thus offer efficient service across Canada. The firm is also a member of the World Services Group (WSG), an international network of law firms and other professional service providers in 145 countries, including the United States.