



Marie Audren, Ad. E.

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Marie has 30 years of experience as a litigator. For the last 20, her practice has been focused on defending class actions, particularly in the fields of consumer law and product liability. She has also argued on the plaintiff side, before the Supreme Court of Canada, in a landmark class action regarding municipal taxation.

Marie is the founder and former President of the Class Actions Section of the Canadian Bar Association (Québec Division). She chaired the CBA's Annual Conference on Class Actions from 2006 to 2010.

Currently, Marie is a member of the CBA's National Task Force on Multi-jurisdictional Class Actions, and a member of the Class Action Committee of the Barreau du Québec, where she chaired the sub-committee on notices to class members. In 2021, she was the Co-Chair of the Osgoode Hall National Symposium on Class Actions. She also worked with the Law Commission of Ontario on an ongoing comprehensive review of class actions legislation.

In 2013, the Barreau du Québec awarded Marie the *Advocatus Emeritus* distinction (Ad. E.) in recognition of her contribution to the legal profession. Prior to founding Audren Rolland, Marie was a partner at a full-service national law firm where she practiced for over 18 years.

### RANKINGS

- \_ Selected by her peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in Canada*® every year since 2008 (Litigation — Class Actions)
- \_ Selected by her peers for inclusion in *The Canadian Legal Lexpert*® Directory (Class Actions) every year since 2008
- \_ Recognized as one of Canada's top litigators in the *Lexpert*®/Report on *Business Litigation Special Edition* (Globe and Mail) every year since 2015
- \_ Received the 2014 *Lexpert*® Zenith Award (Litigation — Class Actions)
- \_ Recognized as a leading Canadian cross-border litigator every year since 2013 by *Lexpert*® Guide to the Leading *US/Canada Cross-Border Litigators*
- \_ Recognized every year since 2015 by Benchmark Canada — *The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys* as a "Local Litigation Star: Québec" and a "Litigation Star: Product Liability, General Commercial, Insurance and Class Actions"

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## REPRESENTATIVE MANDATES

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- \_ A public transportation authority in a class action following a mass transit strike
- \_ A major Canadian bank in a class action relating to the disclosure of insurance premiums in vehicle financing contracts
- \_ A telecommunications company in a class action involving early termination fees and notice of cancellation for landline telephone service
- \_ A telecommunications company in a class action involving the throttling of Internet traffic
- \_ A telecommunications company in a class action involving late payment charges
- \_ A telecommunications company in a class action involving early termination fees for Internet and television services
- \_ A telecommunications company in a class action involving early termination fees for wireless service
- \_ A university in a class action seeking the reimbursement of tuition fees (Covid-19)
- \_ A pharmaceutical company in a product liability class action
- \_ A national retailer in a class action alleging misleading advertising
- \_ A pharmaceutical company in a class action relating to the side effects of medication
- \_ The Barreau du Québec's professional liability insurer in a class action alleging prosecutorial abuse
- \_ The Barreau du Québec's professional liability insurer in a class action alleging defamation
- \_ A national law firm in a class action involving Conrad Black, Hollinger, and allegations of non-disclosure of information to investors
- \_ A German company building chipboard plants in an arbitration before an ICC panel concerning manufacturer's liability

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## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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- Co-chair, 17th National Symposium on Class actions  
Osgoode Hall, 2021
- La Chambre des actions collectives – un an plus tard, discussion avec l'honorable Chantal Chatelain, j.c.s.  
Canadian Bar Association, 2019
- Third Party Litigation Funding – Presentation to Quebec Superior Court Judges  
Montreal, 2018
- Managing a Class Action: The Plaintiff's Perspective  
15<sup>th</sup> National Symposium on Class Actions, Osgoode Hall, 2018
- L'indemnisation du justiciable par l'action collective  
Colloque Nord-américain, Laboratoire sur les actions collectives, Université de Montréal, 2017
- Multi-jurisdictional Class Actions: What Are the Courts Doing?  
14<sup>th</sup> National Symposium on Class Actions, Osgoode Hall, 2017
- Privacy Class Actions  
14<sup>th</sup> National Symposium on Class Actions, Osgoode Hall, 2017
- Communication avec les membres : modes à privilégier  
Développements récents sur les actions collectives au Québec, au Canada et aux États-Unis, Barreau du Québec, 2017
- Les avis aux membres : Soyons créatifs!  
Développements récents sur les actions collectives au Québec, au Canada et aux États-Unis, Barreau du Québec, 2016
- View from the Centre of the Canadian Universe  
Western Canada Class Actions Conference, British Columbia Law Society, 2016
- The Class Action Trials of the Year  
12<sup>th</sup> National Symposium on Class Actions, Osgoode Hall, 2015
- The US Supreme Court on Class Actions  
10<sup>th</sup> National Symposium on Class Actions, Osgoode Hall, 2013
- Les classes nationales, recours multiterritoriaux, multijuridictionnels... et quoi encore...  
Développements récents sur les recours collectifs au Québec, au Canada et aux États-Unis, Barreau du Québec, 2013
- National Class Update  
9<sup>th</sup> National Symposium on Class Actions, Osgoode Hall, 2012
- Recours collectifs multijuridictionnels et groupes nationaux  
Développements récents sur les recours collectifs au Québec, au Canada et aux États-Unis, Barreau du Québec, 2012
- Overtime Class Actions  
7<sup>th</sup> National Symposium on Class Actions, Osgoode Hall, Toronto, 2010
- National Class Update  
8<sup>th</sup> National Symposium on Class Actions, Osgoode Hall, Toronto, 2011

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- \_ What's the Latest in Product Liability Class Actions?  
Conférence annuelle avancée sur la conformité réglementaire dans le domaine pharmaceutique, The Canadian Institute, 2010
- \_ L'arrêt *Marcotte*  
Développements récents en recours collectifs, Barreau du Québec, 2009
- \_ Quebec Class Actions Update: A Renewed Sense of Commonality  
Western Canadian Class Actions Conference, British Columbia Law Society, et 10<sup>th</sup> Annual National Forum on Litigating Class Actions, The Canadian Institute, 2009
- \_ Revue de la dernière année de la jurisprudence au Québec  
Développements récents en recours collectifs, Barreau du Québec, 2008
- \_ Practical Perspectives on Class Actions  
McGill University, Faculty of Law, 2008
- \_ Class Actions in Canada: Comparison of Our Experience and Yours  
State Bar of New York, Professional Training Course, 2007
- \_ Revue de la jurisprudence récente en matière de recours collectif au Québec et au Canada  
Développements récents en recours collectifs, Barreau du Québec, 2007
- \_ Différents enjeux soulevés par les recours collectifs  
Canadian Bar Association, 2007
- \_ Quebec Ice Storm Class Action: Pushing the Boundaries for Economic Loss  
Canadian Defence Lawyers/CICMA Joint Conference, 2007
- \_ Avocats en entreprise : Atelier sur les recours collectifs  
Barreau du Québec Annual Convention, 2006
- \_ Risques et nouvelles tendances  
Conférence sur les litiges en assurance, The Canadian Institute, 2005
- \_ L'article 1048 C.p.c. : une disposition d'exception  
Développements récents en recours collectifs, Barreau du Québec, 2005
- \_ Navigating the Provincial Legislative Landscape  
6<sup>th</sup> Annual National Forum on Litigating Class Actions, 2005
- \_ Le règlement d'un recours collectif : le processus d'approbation d'une transaction  
2<sup>e</sup> Conférence avancée sur les recours collectifs, The Canadian Institute, 2005
- \_ La multiplicité de défendeurs en l'absence d'intérêt et d'une cause d'action  
Développements récents en recours collectifs, Barreau du Québec, 2004

## EDUCATION

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- \_ Barreau du Québec, 1992
- \_ Bachelor of Laws, Université de Montréal, 1991
- \_ Bachelor of Arts in Translation, Concordia University, 1988