



Marie Audren, Ad. E.

Founding Partner

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Marie has over 30 years of experience as a litigator. For the last 20 years, her practice has been focused on the defense of class actions. She has defended clients in over 50 class actions, notably 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 (Quebec Division). She chaired the CBA's Annual Conference on Class Actions from 2006 to 2010.

She is a member of the CBA's National Working Group on Multijurisdictional Class Actions and was a member of the Quebec Bar's Expert Committee on Class Actions for over 17 years. In 2021, she co-chaired Osgoode Law School's National Symposium on Class Actions (she was a member of its organizing committee for ten years). She also worked with the Law Commission of Ontario on the revision of the Class Proceedings Act. Marie is a member of the Class Actions Sub-Committee of the Federal Courts Bench and Bar Liaison Committee. Finally, she is an advocacy advisor for the Supreme Court Advocacy Institute.

In 2013, the Quebec Bar awarded Marie the distinction of *Advocatus Emeritus* distinction (Ad. E.) in recognition of the excellence of her career and her contribution to the legal profession. Prior to founding Audren Rolland, Marie was a partner in a national law firm where she practiced for nearly 20 years.

Rankings

Best Lawyers in Canada

- Litigation - Class Actions every year since 2008

Lexpert

- Litigation - Class Actions every year since 2008

- Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Litigation Lawyers in Canada (Class Actions) every year since 2013

- Leading Litigation Lawyer (The Globe and Mail's Report on Business) every year since 2015

- *Zenith Prize* (Class Actions) in 2014

Benchmark Litigation Canada

- Litigation Star every year since 2015

- Top 100 Women in Litigation in Canada every year since 2022

Education

Barreau du Québec, 1992

Université de Montréal,
LL.B., 1991

Concordia University,
Bachelor in Translation,
1989



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Representative Mandates (Class Actions)

Aralez Pharmaceuticals

- Opioids and risk of addiction
Bourassa v. Abbott Laboratories et al.

Autorité régionale de transport métropolitain (ARTM)

- Montreal Transit Authority's illegal strike and service interruption
Tétreault v. Société de transport de Montréal

Bank of Nova Scotia

- Disclosure of cash rebates in vehicle financing contracts
Fortin v. The Bank of Nova Scotia
- Calculation of the insurance premium in vehicle financing contracts
Lacasse v. The Bank of Nova Scotia

Bell Canada

- Broadband Internet network throttling
Union des consommateurs v. Bell Canada
- Early termination fees for wireline service
Morin v. Bell Canada
- Early termination fees for Internet and television services
Marineau v. Bell Canada
Corbeil v. Bell Canada
- Representations related to Fibe™ optical fiber services
Abicidan v. Bell Canada

Bell Mobility

- Late payment fees
Boulerice and Grégoire v. Bell Canada and Bell Mobility
- International roaming fees
Sibiga v. Rogers Communications et al.
- Early termination fees for wireless services
Gagnon v. Bell Mobility

CIUSSS du Centre-Sud-de-l'Île-de-Montréal

- Neighbourhood disturbances
Simon v. Québec (Procureur général)



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Royal Bank of Canada

- Earl Jones Ponzi scheme
Nelles v. Royal Bank of Canada

Sir Mortimer B. Davis Jewish General Hospital

- Vicarious liability for abuses
C.K. v. HGJ

The Quebec Bar's Professional Liability Insurer

- Abusive prosecution
Popovic v. Ville de Montréal
- Defamation of taxi drivers
Consulat général de la République d'Haïti à Montréal v. Le Boutillier

Torys LLP

- Failure to inform investors (Conrad Black - Hollinger case)
Hollinger Inc. (Re)

Université de Montréal

- Reimbursement of tuition fees (COVID-19)
Larose v. Corporation de l'École des Hautes Études Commerciales de Montréal et al.

On the Plaintiff Side Against the City of Longueuil

- Illegal property taxes
Marcotte v. Longueuil (Ville)

Representative Mandates (Arbitration)

- **Diffenbacher GmbH**, a German company building chipboard plants, in an arbitration case before an ICC panel concerning the manufacturer's liability



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Speaking Engagements

- The Great Debate: What case should have been certified, but wasn't?
20th National Symposium on Class Actions, Osgoode, 2024
- Co-chair
17th National Symposium on Class Actions, Osgoode, 2021
- La Chambre des actions collectives - un an plus tard, discussion avec l'honorable Chantal Chatelain, j.c.s.
Association du Barreau canadien, 2019
- Financement des litiges par des tiers - Présentation aux juges de la Cour Supérieure
Montréal, 2018
- Managing a Class Action: The Plaintiff's Perspective
15th National Symposium on Class Actions, Osgoode, 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?
14th National Symposium on Class Actions, Osgoode, 2017
- Privacy Class Actions
14th National Symposium on Class Actions, Osgoode, 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
- Views from the Center of the Canadian Universe
Western Canada Class Actions Conference, British Columbia Law Society, 2016
- The Class Action Trials of the Year
12th National Symposium on Class Actions, Osgoode, 2015
- Les classes nationales, recours multiterritoriaux, multijuridictionnels... et quoi encore...
Développements récents sur les actions collectives au Québec, au Canada et aux États-Unis, Barreau du Québec, 2013
- The US Supreme Court on Class Actions
10th National Symposium on Class Actions, Osgoode, 2013



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- National Class Update
9th National Symposium on Class Actions, Osgoode, 2012
- Recours collectifs multijuridictionnels et groupes nationaux
Développements récents sur les actions collectives au Québec, au Canada et aux États-Unis, Barreau du Québec, 2012
- Overtime Class Actions
8th National Symposium on Class Actions, Osgoode, 2011
- National Class Update
8th National Symposium on Class Actions, Osgoode, 2011
- 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 c. Ville de Longueuil*
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 10th 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
- Perspectives pratiques sur le recours collectif
Faculté de droit de l'Université McGill, 2008
- Class Actions in Canada: Comparison of Our Experience and Yours
Cours de formation professionnelle du Barreau de l'État de New York, 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
Association du Barreau canadien, 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
Congrès du Barreau du Québec, 2006
- Risques et nouvelles tendances
Conférence sur les litiges en assurance, The Canadian Institute, 2005



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- L'article 1048 C.p.c. : une disposition d'exception
Développements récents en recours collectifs, Barreau du Québec, 2005
- Navigating the Provincial Legislative Landscape
6th Annual National Forum on Litigating Class Actions, 2005
- Le règlement d'un recours collectif : le processus d'approbation d'une transaction
2e 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