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Expertise
Corporate
Litigation
Mergers and Acquisitions

Bar Admissions
Québec, 1964

Mr. Bouchard brings a rare combination of business expertise and a solid understanding of Canadian and international policy matters to our clients' initiatives. These skills, complementing his deep roots in the business community, have earned him widespread respect among organizations in diverse sectors.

A former Premier of Québec, Secretary of State and Cabinet Minister in the Canadian government and Ambassador to France, Mr. Bouchard is widely respected for his skill in bringing disparate viewpoints to the table.

After three years as Canada's Ambassador to France (1985–1988), Mr. Bouchard was appointed Secretary of State for Canada and subsequently elected a Member of Parliament. Following his re-election, Mr. Bouchard became Minister of Environment in the Canadian government and served on several Cabinet committees. In 1990, after he resigned as Minister of Environment and left the Conservative caucus, he sat in the House of Commons as an independent and founded the Bloc Québécois. Following the federal election in 1993, Mr. Bouchard became Leader of the Official Opposition in the House of Commons.

In January of 1996, Mr. Bouchard resigned from federal politics and was sworn in as Premier of Québec, then re-elected in a subsequent election. Mr. Bouchard served as premier until his resignation in 2001 and his decision to leave the political arena and return to the practice of law.

Prior to his time in politics, Mr. Bouchard was a litigator and also served on commissions and agencies, including as senior chairperson of arbitration tribunals in the education sector, chief counsel for the Cliche Commission on Québec's construction industry and as a member of the Martin-Bouchard Commission on the public and parapublic sectors. As a result, he is a sought-after negotiator and mediator, known for his expertise and success in resolving complex and challenging disputes.

Working in partnership with clients on their strategic issues, Mr. Bouchard sees the total picture in any client matter. At the same time, his attention to detail ensures that the spotlight is always squarely on resolving intricate problems of any given situation.

Mr. Bouchard is Chair of the Board of Directors of Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal and also serves on the board of Groupe BMTC Inc.

Representative Work

Agence Métropolitaine de Transport

Acted for the **Agence Métropolitaine de Transport** (now known as Réseau de transport métropolitain [RTM]) in defence of its right to establish a reserve for public purposes upon certain immovable property.

Petro-Canada

Acted as a special mediator for **Petro-Canada** in reaching the settlement between Petro-Canada and its 260 employees of its Montréal-East refinery in a lock-out since November 17, 2007. A new collective agreement was also prepared which expired January 31, 2007.

Corus Entertainment Inc.

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Acted successfully for **Corus Entertainment Inc.** in its representation before the Governor in Council who refused to quash a decision by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission approving the exchange of various radio stations (including CKAC) between Corus and Astral Media Inc.

Russel Metals Inc.

Acted for **Russel Metals Inc**. in connection with its acquisition of Leroux Steel Inc. in a transaction valued at approximately $185 million.

Hydro-Québec/Grand Council of the Crees

Acted as mediator in the achievement of a settlement of pending lawsuits, as well as land, economic and financial issues, between the **Grand Council of the Crees** and **Hydro-Québec** in relation to the development of the Cree territory in Northern Québec.

Société des alcools du Québec

Acted as lead negotiator for the **Société des alcools du Québec** in a strike of its unionized employees (SEMB).

Olymel L.P.

Acted for **Olymel** as negotiator in high-profile labour and commercial disputes.

Les avocats et notaires de l'état québécois (LANEQ)

Successfully acted for **Les avocats et notaires de l'État québécois** (LANEQ), the professional union representing the vast majority of the lawyers and notaries employed by the Government of Québec in its public service or by other mandataries of the State (Agence du revenu du Québec, Régie de l'énergie, Autorité des marchés financiers and Autorité des marchés publics), in its negotiations with the Government of Québec, including for the reform of its members' collective bargaining plan. The Government of Québec and LANEQ concluded an agreement establishing a joint committee to determine whether the lawyers and notaries of the Québec civil service have a distinctive character. If so, the Government has undertaken to reform their collective bargaining regime. The agreement was qualified as “historic” by both parties.

Secrétariat du travail du Québec

Appointed by the Minister responsible for Labour to act as special mediator in connection with the labour dispute at ABI's Bécancour aluminium smelter.

Daisye Marcil

Acted for the plaintiffs in a class action involving all Québec parents who were required to pay fees for the purchase of school books or other didactic material even though these fees should have been assumed by the school boards.

Association québécoise des pharmaciens propriétaires

Acted for the **Association québécoise des pharmaciens propriétaires** (Québec Association of Owner Pharmacists [AQPP]) in connection with an application for arbitration against Québec's Ministry of Health and Social Services (MSSS). The AQPP claimed that the MSSS had breached an agreement between them, resulting in a loss of potential earnings of more than $150 million for pharmacists. The AQPP reached a settlement with the MSSS, thus saving its members several hundred million dollars in payments.

Société de transport de Montréal (STM)

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Acted for the **Société de transport de Montréal (STM)** in connection with its $1.2 billion acquisition of the new fleet of cars for the Montréal subway system and the execution of the procurement contract with the consortium formed by Bombardier Transport Canada Inc. and Alstom Canada Inc

Recognitions

City of Montréal
Honorary Citizen

Ordre national du Québec
Grand Officer

Ordre de la Légion d'honneur
Commander
France

Québec Bar
La Médaille du Barreau du Québec

Québec Bar
Lawyer Emeritus Distinction

Lexpert Special Edition
M&A

Lexpert (CLLD)
Litigation: Corporate Commercial; Commercial Arbitration; Corporate Commercial Law

Best Lawyers Canada
Alternative Dispute Resolution Law
Lawyer of the Year 2018, Montréal

External Engagements

Speaking Engagement
Co-organizer and panelist, La grande rencontre – Agir pour la repreneuriat; Montréal, QC
Oct 9, 2025

Article
Le repreneuriat, un nouveau souffle pour l'économie d'ici, co-author
Feb 25, 2025
La Presse (In French)
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Sep 3, 2026

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Apr 15, 2026

Business Takeovers as a Driver of Value Creation
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Lexpert Affirms Davies' Position as a Leading Firm

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Business buyouts—a breath of fresh air for our economy
Feb 25, 2025

The Importance of Business Takeovers
Feb 25, 2025

Alstom Acquires Bombardier Transportation to Become Leader in Global Mobility Market
Feb 1, 2021

Education

Université Laval, LLL, 1964
Collège de Jonquière, BSc, 1960
Collège de Jonquière, BA, 1959

Bar Admissions

Québec, 1964

Community Involvement

Le Garde-Manger Pour Tous, honorary president

Board Memberships

Groupe BMTC Inc.
Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal, chairman