

THE HONOURABLE JOSEPH R. NUSS, C.M., Q.C., AD. E., FCIARB
CURRICULUM VITAE

NATIONALITY: Canadian
LANGUAGES: English, French, Italian, Hungarian

The Honourable Joseph R. Nuss, C.M., Q.C., Ad. E., FCIARB, is a former Justice of the Court of Appeal of Quebec. He joined Woods LLP, as Senior Counsel, in December 2009, after his retirement from the Court, and concentrates his practice in the fields of domestic and international arbitration and mediation.

Prior to his appointment as a judge, he was a lawyer, specializing in litigation, who appeared as counsel, in various areas of the law, before the Supreme Court of Canada, the Federal Court, all the Courts of Quebec as well as before administrative tribunals. He, in addition, was counsel before a number of Federal Commissions of Inquiry. As a judge, he also acted as mediator within the framework of the system of mediation established in the Court of Appeal of Quebec. He is a lecturer on arbitration and mediation at national and international conferences.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

1960 **INSTITUT UNIVERSITAIRE D'ÉTUDES EUROPÉENNES DE
TURIN, ITALY** – On scholarship
Certificate of Higher European Studies

1959 **ADMITTED TO THE BAR OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC**

1958 **McGILL UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF LAW**
Bachelor of Civil Law

1955 **McGILL UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE**
Bachelor of Arts

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since
December 2009 Senior Counsel, **WOODS LLP**
Arbitrator and Mediator in domestic and international disputes
Engaged as expert witness on Quebec Law

2014 Claims Officer, appointed by Order of Mongeon, J. of the Superior Court of
Quebec (February 10, 2014) “In the matter of the Liquidation of Penson
Financial Services Canada Inc. *et al*”

2010 – 2012	Claims Officer, appointed by Order of Gascon J. of the Superior Court of Quebec (as he then was) (March 23, 2010) “In the matter of the Plan of Compromise or Arrangement of AbitibiBowater Inc. <i>et al</i> ”
May 1995- Nov. 2009	Judge, QUEBEC COURT OF APPEAL
1961-1995	Senior Partner, AHERN LALONDE NUSS DRYMER, Advocates

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2011 to 2020/2021	One of the authors of the chapter on arbitration in the LegisPratique: Code de procedure civile annoté
Since 2009	Judge at student Moot Courts
1988-1995	Counsel <i>pro bono publico</i> of InterAmicus, an organization based at the Faculty of Law of McGill University for the protection and promotion of human rights
1976-1977	Lecturer, Faculty of Law, McGill University, Civil procedure, Judicial Review
Since 1975	Lecturer on The Art of Advocacy before Trial Courts and Appeal Courts
1964-1965	Tutor, Faculty of Law, McGill University

Member of committees of the Canadian and Quebec Bar Associations which submitted reports on the following matters:

- The Draft Bill on the treatment of Juvenile Offenders (Canada)
- The Draft Bill on Human Rights (Quebec)
- The Draft Bill on Public Inquiries (Quebec)

CONFERENCES - LECTURES

- International Bar Association, Arbitration Committee, St. Petersburg, June 2013 – Lecture on “Public policy invoked as a ground for contesting the enforceability of an arbitral award, or for seeking its annulment”; text published in « Dispute Resolution International », Vol. 7, No. 2, November 2013, pp. 119-133.
- Bar of Montreal, February 2012 – CLE – Member of panel and lecture on “ADR: From the Court of Appeal to Private Practice”.

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- The Canadian Institute, October 2010 – Training Workshop for Advocates – Lecture on “Advocacy in the Court of Appeal”.
 - The Lord Reading Law Society, Montreal, September 2009 – Lecture at the annual Alan B. Gold Memorial Advocacy Lecture on “The art of advocacy”.
 - The Cambridge Lectures, July 2009 – Moderator for the lecture by U.S. District Court Judge the Honourable Lee Rosenthal on “Class Actions: the need for reform”.
 - A Free Press and an Independent Judiciary, Conference in Halifax N.S., November 2008 – Panellist at session on “The media and the broadcast of Court hearings”.
 - Judges’ Conference-Seminar, Quebec City, November 2008 on the occasion of the 400th year anniversary of the founding of Quebec City – Member of organizing committee.
 - The Cambridge Lectures, July 2007 – Moderator for the lecture by the Honourable Frank Iacobucci on “Class actions and the Indian residential school settlement”.
 - International conference on mediation in Vilnius, Lithuania, May 2007 – Lecture on “Mediation in the Quebec Court of Appeal”.
 - Seminar on Civil Law Reform (Appeals and Special Proceedings) in Vilnius Lithuania (project of CIDA), December 2003 – Lecture on “Functions and role of the Quebec Court of Appeal” and “Mediation before the Court of Appeal”.
 - Professional Forum, November 1991 – Lecture on “The evaluation of a business”.
 - Lecturer chosen by the Canadian Bar Association for a conference in Budapest, Hungary, June 1991, entitled “The role and obligations of lawyers in a democratic and free market society”.
 - The Canadian Institute, April 1990 – Lecture on “Shareholders agreements”.
 - The René Cassin Lectureship in Human Rights at McGill University – Participant at each of the fifteen (15) lectures since 1988.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Quebec Bar Association since 1959;
- Canadian Bar Association since 1961;
- Queen’s Counsel since 1976;
- Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers since 1986;
- London Court of International Arbitration since 2010;
- International Bar Association since 2010;
- Canadian Chamber of Commerce (ICC Canada) Arbitration Committee since 2011;
- Panel of arbitrators of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) since September 2012;

- Member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR since October 2013;
- Recipient of the distinction “Ufficiale dell’Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana” (Officer of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic) in 2002;
- Honoured by the Lord Reading Law Society (Montreal) in September 2009 and presented with a citation which concludes:

“In recognition of his lifelong dedication
to the pursuit of Justice
at the Bar and on the Bench”

- Awarded the distinction *Advocatus Emeritus* (Ad. E.) by the *Barreau du Québec* in June 2013;
- Accredited mediator in civil, commercial and labor mediation by the *Barreau du Québec* in June 2016;
- Appointed Commissaire à l’éthique et à la déontologie des membres du conseil d’administration de la Fondation du *Barreau du Québec* in June 2018;
- Appointed a Member of the Order of Canada June 27, 2019;
- Appointed Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb) in July 2019;
- Martindale Hubbell gives him the highest rating of AV[®]. The website of Martindale Hubbell.com indicates in reference to him “AV[®] Preeminent[™]” and the highest Peer Rating (5);
- Recognized by publication Best Lawyers in Canada as “Lawyer of the Year” for Alternative Dispute Resolution – Montréal, 2021.

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