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ABOUT MARIE-CLAUDE MARTEL

Marie-Claude Martel completed her law degree with honours at Sherbrooke University in 2004. She became a member of the Quebec Bar in 2005. She began her career in a large national firm but, in 2006, she decided to pursue her career path at Arnault Thibault Cléroux's law firm, a small litigation boutique well known in Montreal. She was eager to be on the front line and attracted by the level of freedom, flexibility and creativity which she was offered to manage her files. After more than 15 years with Arnault Thibault Cléroux law firm, she is still passionate about the litigation practice.

Marie-Claude is mostly acting in complex contractual, construction, co-ownership and shareholders litigation matters. She is well known for her solid legal expertise as well as her thorough knowledge of her files and her rigorousness. Marie-Claude is a hard worker and a skillful pleader. Besides being an experienced litigation lawyer, she is also an accredited arbitrator and mediator. In fact, she noticed early that the better way to serve her client's interest was to develop her ability to act in different resolution processes in order to support them through the most appropriate process to resolve their dispute.

Over the years, Marie-Claude specialized in arbitration matters. In 2011, she completed a master's degree in Alternative Dispute Resolution modes, specializing in arbitration. In addition to her lawyer career, she is currently teaching arbitration in a master's degree program at Sherbrooke University, where she also acted as lecturer in contract law a few years ago. Marie-Claude is regularly implicated directly or as consultant in high level arbitration files and participated in many significant cases that set precedent in arbitration matters.

Marie-Claude is also an active member of the Institut de médiation et d'arbitrage du Québec (IMAQ). In 2013, she represented IMAQ in front of a Parliamentary Commission at Quebec National Assembly to comment the legislative reform on the Code of Civil Procedure, more specifically about the arbitration sections. She also participated in the reform of the National Arbitration Rules of ADR Institute of Canada, representing Quebec. She is currently acting as President of IMAQ's Arbitration Committee. More recently, she created the Forum des arbitres de l'IMAQ in order to respond to arbitrators' more specific needs. The Forum organized several events addressed specifically to arbitrators, such as training courses, networking events and discussion groups.

Moreover, Marie-Claude is implicated with the Canadian Bar Association, serving with the Quebec ADR division. She is also regularly called to act as speaker in different ADR events.

More importantly, Marie-Claude is the proud mother of two young boys of respectively 1 and 6 years old. Since a litigation lawyer career is not an easy one to conciliate with family, she wishes to encourage women to persevere within work-family conciliation. Notwithstanding the challenges, Marie-Claude is convinced that women can have it all and strive toward leadership positions to accelerate lawyers' cultural shift.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Arbitration
- Contractual litigation
- Civil and Commercial litigation
- Shareholder dispute
- Construction litigation



FIRM PROFILE

Arnault Thibault Cléroux Law Firm is a small litigation boutique, playing within the big league. The three partners of the firm began their career in large national law firms but decided to practice litigation far from the established borders.

ATC was founded as a family and grew, over the years, as a closely-knit team dedicated to serving their client's best interests. Besides their team working skills, ATC's team is comprised of tireless workers, strong strategists and creative legal experts. ATC's team is proud to offer innovative and customized solutions to their clients, including all ADR modes. In addition to Marie-Claude, all three partners of the firm are accredited arbitrators and mediators.

The firm is celebrating its 30th anniversary of success in 2021. Over the years, ATC acquired a solid reputation among Judges and colleagues because of its team's professionalism and integrity. Remaining committed to its values, ATC intends to continue serving its client with success for many years to come.



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