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CCIL Executive: Biographies



President: Professor Céline Lévesque

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Céline Lévesque has been a professor at the University of Ottawa for over 20 years and has held the position of Dean of the Faculty of Law, Civil Law Section, from July 2014 to July 2019. She is an expert in International Economic Law, more particularly in International Investment Law. She teaches courses in these fields, as well as in Public International Law. Céline was a visiting professor at University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and at Xi'an Jiaotong University, in China. She has also given lectures and conferences in a dozen countries. She is a Senior Fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI).

Since October 2019, she is the President of the Canadian Council on International Law (CCIL).

In the Spring of 2019, she was nominated as a Member of the Independent Advisory Board for Supreme Court of Canada Judicial Appointments for the Quebec seat.

Professor Lévesque currently serves as an arbitrator in a NAFTA Chapter 11 case and was appointed in 2018 to the roster of candidates to serve on panels established under NAFTA Chapter 19.

In 2008-2009, Céline was a Scholar-in-Residence at the Trade Law Bureau of the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. In that capacity, she participated in NAFTA Chapter 11 proceedings and in bilateral investment treaty negotiations.

Prior to joining the university, Céline worked at the World Bank in Washington, DC, in a group specialized in private participation in infrastructure. She was involved in projects dealing with public-private partnerships in the water and electricity sectors and participated in missions to the Ivory Coast, Guinea (Conakry), Mauritania and Senegal.