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✦ Profile

Jean Piette was the first lawyer in Québec to develop a practice entirely devoted to Environmental Law since 1972. As a partner with the law firm of Ogilvy Renault, he has received the highest distinction in the Martindale-Hubbel directory, that is the AV rating.

Mtre Piette provides legal counsel and strategic advice on matters of provincial, federal and international environmental law. He also advises clients with respect to environmental permit applications, environmental audits, ISO 14000 certification, environmental due diligence for business transactions and the preparation of environmental compliance manuals for industry.

He represents clients in negotiations with environmental authorities, in environmental litigation before administrative and judicial tribunals in civil and penal matters, including the Supreme Court of Canada, and in commercial and real estate transactions involving environmental problems.

Before joining Ogilvy Renault, he worked successively for the Environment Protection Services, the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of the Environment of Québec. Within the Ministry of Environment of Québec, he acted as General Counsel from 1976 to 1983, Director of Environmental Strategy and Policy Development from 1983 to 1986 and Director for Intergovernmental Relations from 1986 to 1991.

As General Counsel for the Ministry of Environment of Québec, Mtre Piette often appeared before Québec administrative tribunals such as the Québec Municipal Commission, the Environmental Public Hearing Board (BAPE) and the Liquor Control Board, as well as before federal administrative tribunals such as the National Energy Board, and before both civil and criminal courts. He was responsible for the planning and drafting of all environmental laws and regulations in Québec from 1972 to 1983.

✦ Professional Memberships & Activities

- ✦ Lecturer in Environmental Law at Université de Sherbrooke, at Université du Québec à Montréal, at École Polytechnique de l'Université de Montréal and at Laval, McGill and Concordia universities (1975/1992).
- ✦ Founding member and representative of Québec on the Réseau Droit de l'Environnement of the Agence universitaire de la francophonie.
- ✦ One of the most frequently recommended lawyers in environmental law in The Canadian Legal LEXPERT Directory.

- ✦ One of the Québec lawyers specialized in environmental law mentioned in The 2003 Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada.
- ✦ He is a registered World Bank consultant in Environmental Law in Washington, D.C.
- ✦ He acted as counsel for the preparation of the pesticide control legislation of Uzbekistan (1999).
- ✦ Foreign correspondent associated with the Editorial Board of the Revue juridique de l'Environnement (1985 -).
- ✦ Member of the Editorial Board of Écodécision magazine (1991/1998).
- ✦ Chairman of the Environmental Law, Section of the Canadian Bar Association, Québec Division (1975/1981).
- ✦ Chairman of the James Bay Advisory Committee on the Environment (1978/1980).
- ✦ Chairman of the Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee (1980/1981).
- ✦ Representative of Québec on the Committee on the Environment of The Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers (1984/1991).
- ✦ Co-chair of the Québec-New York Joint Committee on Acid Rain (1984/1990).
- ✦ Jury member for the Masters Degree and Ph.D. Degree in Environmental Law at Sherbrooke and Laval universities (1985/1990).
- ✦ Chair of the Standing Committee on Environmental Law of the Bar of Québec (1992 -).
- ✦ Corporate delegate and Chair of the Executive Committee and of the Board of Directors of the Centre patronal de l'environnement du Québec (1994 -).
- ✦ Member of the Board of Directors of « Learning for a Sustainable Future » (1995 -).
- ✦ Chairman of the Board of Directors of the International Institute for Environmental Strategies and Security (1996 -).
- ✦ Honorary Member of the Association of Fellows and Legal Scholars of the Center for International Legal Studies, Salzburg (Austria) (1997).
- ✦ Co-author (with Mtre Jean Héту and Mtre Yvon Duplessis) of the first book on Québec Environmental Law published in 1982 and entitled « La protection juridique de l'environnement au Québec ».
- ✦ Member of the International Council of Environmental Law (1992 -).

✦ Education

- ✦ Masters Degree in Comparative Law (George Washington University) (1972).
- ✦ Member of the Québec Bar (1971).
- ✦ Licence en droit (Université de Montréal) (1970).
- ✦ Baccalauréat ès arts (Université de Montréal) (1967).

✦ Languages

- ✦ French and English