**Honourable Senator Renée Dupuis**, C.M., *Ad. E*

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***Profile***

*Bilingual (French, English). Appointed Independant Senator to the Senate of Canada (Les Laurentides, Québec) in November 2016. Has served as Vice-Chair of the Senate’s Committees on Legal and Constitutional Affairs; Member of Internal Economy, Budget and Administration Committee; former member of Rules, Procedures and Rights of the Parliament Committee; Senate Modernization Committee; Environment and Energy. Former Vice-president of the Human Rights and Youth Rights Commission by the Québec National, lawyer and member of the Bar of the Province of Quebec, specialized in human rights, Aboriginal peoples’rights and administrative law, Chair of the Bar of Québec’s Committee on Law regarding Aboriginal Peoples. She has served as legal counsel to First Nations in Quebec and Canada and has been a consultant to the government of Quebec and Canada on Aboriginal issues. Has done numerous lectures and training sessions on administrative law, human rights and Aboriginal peoples’ rights. Witness before federal and provincial parliamentary committees.*

***Awards and Memberships***

* Member of the Order of Canada 2005
* Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal (2012)
* Honorary Witness of the Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission 2013
* Selected in *Leading the Way: Canadian Women in the Law* 2015.
* Recipient of the Barreau du Québec’s distinction la Médaille du Barreau 2012
* Recipient of a Doctorat en Droit *honoris causa* (Université Laval, Québec) 2012
* Recipient of the *Advocatus Emeritus* distinction from the Barreau du Québec 2007
* Recipient of the Barreau du Québec’s Award Christine Tourigny 2004
* Recipient of the YWCA’s Award Femmes de mérite 2002 for her involvement in women’s support groups and the avancement of women’s rights
* Recipient of the Quebec Bar Foundation’s 2001 (monograph category) for *Le statut juridique des peuples autochtones en droit canadien*, Carswell (1999)
* Recipient of the 2001 Governor General’s Award for Non-Fiction for *Quel Canada pour les Autochtones? La fin de l’exclusion*, Boréal, 2001

***Career Experience-Legal Services***

Independant Senator, Les Laurentides (Québec), Senate of Canada Nov. 2016-

Vice-Chair, Senate permanent Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee 11-22-17

To 09-11-19

Vice president, Québec Human Rights and Youth Rights Commission 2011-Oct.2016

Chief Commissioner, Indian Claims Commission 2003-2009

Commissioner, Indian Claims Commission 2001-2003

Commissioner, Canadian Human Rights Act Review Panel 1999-2000

Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples 1992-1995

- Member of the science committee monitoring historic and legal research

on the Aboriginal peoples of Quebec

- Research contracts

First Nations and the Huron-Wendat Nation: legal counsel 1990

Commissioner with the Canadian Human Rights Commission 1989-1995

Fourth Russell Tribunal on the Rights of the Indians of the Americas (Rotterdam) 1980

* Barrister in the case of the Conseil Attimakek-Montagnais

Union of Quebec Writers 1977-1982

* Collaborated in the writing of a publication on copyright in Canada and developed

a model publisher’s agreement

Attikamek-Montagnais Council 1975-90

* Legal counsel to three Attikamek council and nine Innus First nations in Quebec

Laval University’s legal clinic 1973 – 1978

* In 1976, this office became the law firm of Bilodeau, Cloutier et ass., in which she has
* become an associate until 1978.

***Career Experience-Consulting and Training***

Barreau du Québec

-Training sessions on Aboriginal Peoples’ rights and human rights

-Member of the joint working group (Bar-Physicians’College) on the right to die 2010-2011

-Chair of the Committee on Law regarding Aboriginal Peoples 2002-2011

National Judicial Institute

Training session on legal issues involving Aboriginal peoples’ rights 2010

Trudeau Foundation Society

Vice-president 2010-2011

Office of the Correctional Ombudsman (Canada)

Training session on human rights 2010

Judiciary (federal and provincial ) 1999-2010

Training sessions on Aboriginal Peoples’ rights and human rights

Trudeau Foundation 2009-2010

Mentor

Heads of Federal Agencies

Spokesperson on SDA Audit Committee’s implementation 2007-2009

Department of Indian and Northern Affairs 1999

* Training sessions on the legal system and the rights of Aboriginal people

University of Bergen, University of Tromsö (Norway), University of Copenhagen (Denmark) 1998

* Delivered seminar on self-government and Aboriginal land rights in Canada

and Quebec

Atikamekw Nation Council (3 First Nations) 1997-1998

* Designed and developed an action research project on governance

Ministry of International Relations of Quebec 1997

* Development a training project on democratic institutions and human rights

for La Francophonie

Canadian Human Rights Commission 1996-1997

* Consultant for sexual harassment complaints

Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada 1996

* Consultant for Aboriginal Peoples’s rights

Sherbrooke University 1993-1995

* Delivered course on Canadian legal system and the rights of Aboriginal

Ministry of International Affairs of Quebec 1992-1993

* Delivered course on the legal system as it applies to Aboriginals

Ministry of Justice of Quebec 1991-1994

* Consulting lawyer for Aboriginal Peoples’s rights

Quebec National Assembly, Expert witness 1991

ENAP (National school of public administration) 1988-1999

* Lecture on administrative law
* Training sessions on administrative law, human rights and governance

Télé-Université, Quebec University. 1980

* Designed and developed a course on the rights of Indians

***Education***

Accreditation in civil and commercial mediation (Barreau du Québec) 2003

Master’s degree in public administration , École nationale d’administration publique 1985

Diploma from the École du Barreau, Barreau du Québec 1973

Licentiate in Laws, Faculty of law, Laval University, Quebec City 1971

***International activities***

Canada-China Legislative Association 23rd Bilateral Meeting in China (Beijing, Guangzhou, Macao and Hong Kong) May 2019

Pleadings before the Russell Tribunal.

Elaboration and Training Sessions on Democratic Institutions and Human Rights.

Lectures on Aboriginal Peoples’ Rights.

Conferences and articles.

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