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CanLII President to step down

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Xavier Beauchamp-Tremblay has announced his intention to step down as President and CEO of CanLII (the Canadian Legal Information Institute) after six years of service, to pursue new opportunities. He will remain in the position until a successor is found.

"It has been a privilege to serve as CanLII's President and CEO and to work with an outstanding team of dedicated and talented employees," Beauchamp-Tremblay said. "The product enhancements we released in the last year have completed the vision I had for CanLII when I joined. We have many ideas about what could come next, and I'm excited for the future of the organization, but I feel it's time to let someone else take the lead as CanLII looks ahead to its next Strategic Plan."

"It has been an absolute pleasure working with Xavier" says Crystal O'Donnell, Chair of the CanLII Board of Directors. "He has done an outstanding job leading CanLII and preparing the organization for its future. He was especially instrumental in the acquisition of Lexum, CanLII's technology provider. Xavier will be greatly missed and we wish him only the best as he embarks on his next adventure."

"With his keen interest in technology and its potential for the legal profession, Xavier provided leadership that brought CanLII to the next level in terms of content and resources" Steve Raby, President of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada added. "The success of those improvements is reflected in the fact the number of visitors to the site increased by 39 per cent from 2018 to 2020, when CanLII recorded 15 million site visits."

CanLII is a not-for-profit organization created by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada with the support of all of Canada's 14 law societies that regulate Canada's legal professions in the public interest. It is the premiere source of online Canadian legal information, including legislation, case law and commentaries, and is offered for free to the legal profession and the public.

Mr. Beauchamp-Tremblay became President and CEO of CanLII in 2015. During his tenure at CanLII, significant enhancements were made to the service to improve the user experience. At the same time, CanLII's historical primary law collections were expanded, as was its robust open access commentary collection.

In 2018, CanLII laid the foundation for its long-term sustainability with its acquisition of Lexum Inc, a Montreal - based technology company that specializes in SaaS turnkey solutions for producers and managers of legal information.

Lexum began operating in 1993 as the online, free access publisher of Supreme Court of Canada decisions. Since then, Lexum has provided a wide range of consulting, design, development, hosting and support services for many Canadian legal institutions, including the Federation of Law Societies of Canada, the Courts Administration Service, and Canada's Department of Justice.

The Board of Directors of CanLII has launched a national search for Beauchamp-Tremblay's successor.

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