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## Change in Leadership of CanLII

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Sarah Sutherland, the President and CEO of the Canadian Legal Information Institute (CanLII), has decided to leave the organization to pursue other opportunities. Francis Barragan has been appointed Interim President and CEO of CanLII.

Ms. Sutherland joined CanLII in 2013 as Manager of Content and Partnerships and was the Director of Programs and Partnerships from 2018 until her appointment as President and CEO in 2021.

“Sarah’s contributions to CanLII over her nine-year tenure were invaluable and we wish her all the best in the future”, said CanLII Board Chair Crystal O’Donnell.

Federation of Law Societies of Canada President Nicolas Plourde added his thanks on behalf of the Federation Council noting the important role Sarah played in fulfilling CanLII’s mission to provide open access to a wide range of legal information. “Sarah was an important asset to CanLII and we are deeply grateful for all she did for the organization.”

Francis Barragan joined the CanLII management team earlier this year as Director of Programs and Partnerships bringing with him a wealth of experience in legal education and information. Prior to joining CanLII, Francis was Chief, Legal Affairs and Strategy, at Éducaloi, a leading public legal information organization in the province of Quebec. “We are confident that CanLII will be in excellent hands under Francis’ leadership”, O’Donnell said.

Decisions about a permanent President and CEO of CanLII will be made in due course.

CanLII is a non-profit organization created by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada on behalf of its 14 member law societies. It was launched in 2000 to provide efficient and free access by the legal profession and the public to the growing number of judicial decisions and legislative documents available on the internet. CanLII is a member of the Free Access to Law Movement, which includes the primary stakeholders involved in free, open publication of law throughout the world.

The CanLII website features over 3.5 million documents, including nearly 3 million cases. CanLII Connects, CanLII.org’s companion site, hosts over 75,000 case commentaries and summaries supplied by the legal community. In the last 12 months, CanLII registered 20 million site visits. Access to the CanLII service is available at [www.canlii.org](http://www.canlii.org), or through the web site of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada [www.flsc.ca](http://www.flsc.ca). Access to CanLII Connects is available at [canliiconnects.org](http://canliiconnects.org)

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