



News Release

Federation names new President for 2016-2017

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The Federation of Law Societies of Canada is pleased to announce that Maurice Piette of Montreal has been elected President for 2016 - 2017. He is a practicing notary with Piette & Duquette in Montreal. He studied at the Faculty of Law of the Université de Montréal from 1968 to 1971. Maurice obtained his notarial law diploma in 1972 and was admitted to the Chambre des notaires du Québec in the same year.

Mr. Piette joined the Federation Council as the representative of the Chambre des notaires du Québec in 2003. Maurice had been active in the Chambre des notaires since 1993, when he was elected as the representative for the district of Montreal. He has been a member of the Administrative Committee of the Chambre des notaires, and served as Vice President of the Chambre from 1996 to 1999, and again from 2005 to 2008 and from 2009 to 2014.

"I am honoured to lead the Federation in the coming year", Mr Piette says. "The organization has undergone immense change in recent years and played a key coordinating role for Canada's law societies on issues of common interest. With a new strategic plan in the works, I am confident that role will continue and be strengthened."

"The Federation has developed a model code of conduct, has nurtured the growth of CanLII, and has been the voice of the law societies on a variety of important issues before the Supreme Court of Canada", Mr. Piette adds. "These are just a few ways in which the law societies have used the Federation as a vehicle to advance the public interest in relation to their statutory mandates."

The Federation is the national coordinating body of Canada's 14 law societies, which are mandated by provincial and territorial statutes to regulate the country's 117,000 lawyers, Quebec's 4,500 notaries and Ontario's nearly 8,000 licensed paralegals in the public interest. Among other activities, the Federation promotes the development of national standards, encourages the harmonization of law society rules and procedures, and undertakes national initiatives as directed by its members. The Federation also speaks out on issues critical to safeguarding the public's right to an independent legal profession, the protection of solicitor-client privilege and other issues relating to the administration of justice and the rule of law.

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