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Industries & Expertise

INDUSTRIES

Franchising & Distribution

EXPERTISE

Corporate Law | Financial Services | Mergers & Acquisitions

Biography

BAR ADMISSION

Quebec, 1980

EDUCATION

- Mediator, Commercial Affairs, Québec Bar, 1995
- LL.L., Université de Montréal, 1979

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English, French

Claude Picard is a seasoned business lawyer specializing in commercial transactions, corporate law and reorganizations. He advises a diverse clientele, ranging from SMEs to large publicly traded companies and major purchasing groups. He excels in managing complex mergers, acquisitions, financings and

reorganizations, and offers legal solutions tailored to the specific needs of his clients.

An active member of the Canadian Bar Association, Claude is involved in commercial mediation and continues to strengthen his practice with his involvement in various professional initiatives.

His expertise extends to the manufacturing, distribution and franchise sectors with notable experience representing financial institutions and venture capital firms. He also participates on the boards of directors of distribution companies, holding leadership roles with various governance bodies.

Industry involvement

Recognition

- Acts as corporate secretary of major distribution corporations (buying clubs) and participates in the board meetings, audit committee and corporate governance and human resource committee meetings of such corporations.

Notable matters

- Represented the Houle family, in first instance, in *Houle v. National Bank of Canada*; this case set a precedent in first instance, before the Court of Appeal and before the Supreme Court of Canada, as the Houle family won every suit
- Represented two major buying clubs for their IPO

Community roles

- Member of the Board of Collège Charles-Lemoyne for five years
- Governor of Midget AAA Hockey League for two years
- President of Riverains du Collège Charles-Lemoyne (Midget AAA Hockey League) for two years

Corporate directorships

- Member of the board of several SMEs, foundations and not-for-profits for a number of years
- Member of the board of a public distribution company operating in Canada for five years

Memberships & affiliations

- Canadian Bar Association