



## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual CI Arb Canada Symposium on Commercial Arbitration

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**Olivier Després** is the creator, author and teacher of the new training program offered since 2018 to lawyers allowing them to be accredited as civil and commercial arbitrator by the Barreau du Québec. A lawyer, chartered mediator and chartered arbitrator, acting in civil, commercial, corporate, construction and high technology matters, Olivier Després is a Member of the Barreau du Québec (1983), the Canadian Bar Association (CBA), the Institut de médiation et d'arbitrage du Québec (IMAQ), the ADR Institute of Canada (ADRIC), and of the Executive Committee of the ADR Section of the CBA, Québec Division. He was a member of the Comité sur la révision du Code de déontologie du Barreau du Québec, the Comité sur la justice participative du Barreau du Québec and of the Comité consultatif du Barreau du Québec sur la formation continue obligatoire en matière de modes appropriés de résolution de différends.

He is a teacher at the École du Barreau du Québec in matters of ethics, rules of conduct and professional practice, and international arbitration, and was a professor at the Centre universitaire de formation continue of the University of Sherbrooke in civil and commercial arbitration for the sessions of August 2015, 2016 and 2017. Finally, he is the author of the chapter “*L'arbitrage conventionnel*” in the volume *Justice participative* of the *Collection des habiletés* published annually by the École du Barreau du Québec since 2009, and of the chapter “*Déroulement d'un arbitrage conventionnel au Québec*” in the book *Guide de l'arbitrage* of the collection *LegisPratique* published in 2014 by LexisNexis. Mr. Després gives an annual conference since 2004 in the course of the speaking lunches of the CBA, Québec Division, discussing recent developments in civil and commercial arbitration in Québec. Out of those annual conferences is extracted a cumulative annotated index of case law in civil and commercial arbitration, a reference guide to practitioners in arbitration, lawyers and arbitrators alike.