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RSS remains as busy as ever

International Lawyers Network's Firm of the Month

There's no shortage of news and events at RSS. But one that made us quite excited was being selected as the Firm of the Month for February/March by the International Lawyers Network.

The Network has allowed our attorneys to work with ILN members on many challenging matters with a Quebec/Canadian connection and in the process, to develop some very meaningful global relationships and friendships.

Recent matters

The deals and cases that have kept us busy recently illustrate the breadth of our professional activity.

In the boardroom

- Completion of a large number of leasing transactions involving facilities for food, restaurant, pharmaceutical, jewellery and clothing establishments and large commercial premises;
- Continued representation of the interests of a Quebec-based real estate developer named as Master Developer of a large multi-use development project in New Haven, Connecticut;

- Represented a large Quebec-based soft goods manufacturer and importer in its acquisition and restructuring of several manufacturing entities under receivershin.
- Performed a major reorganization of an international manufacturer and distributor of health care products;
- Represented various buyers in their acquisition and financing of large mixed use commercial complexes and industrial properties;
- Implemented a complex business succession plan for a global manufacturer and distributor of decorative upholstery fabrics.



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Before the courts

- Counsel to a major Canadian fast food chain seeking to obtain an order compelling a municipality to issue a permit;
- Counsel to an insurer in a tobacco litigation class action suit that resulted in a \$15
 -billion award;
- Representation of the self-insured law societies (attorneys and notaries in Quebec) in the defense of malpractice cases;
- Counsel in one of the most significant local investor fraud cases of the past decades;
- Represented the principal defendants in a province-wide product liability case;
- Represented a beneficiary in a multijurisdictional international estate dispute;
- Defended a manufacturer of asphalt shingles against several product liability claims;
- Defended a university against a claim by a medical student expelled for his offensive behaviour;
- Defending a financial institution against a claim based on default in a financing transaction;

 Litigation over the ownership of works of art that were the object of contradictory manual and notarized donations to two family members.

New lawyers

Over the past 12 months, 15 new attorneys have been added to our Business Law and Insurance Law Practice groups. Those include:

- Marilyn Piccini Roy, Ad. E., one of the country's leading estates and trusts practitioners;
- Julie Forest, labour and employment law, with expertise in entertainment law and litigation, and an accredited mediator;
- Pierre Brossoit, construction and real estate litigation, and an accredited arbitrator:
- Benoît G. Bourgon, with over 35 years' experience in litigation, with special emphasis on insurance defense matters.

While the firm's national and international client base continues to grow, RSS is still deeply entrenched in the local Quebec economy, where its reputation as a first-rate, mid-sized law firm remains impeccable.

