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EDUCATION

Master of Laws in Information Technology Law, Université de Montréal 2026

- Recipient of a $3,000 scholarship for academic excellence in law
- Master's thesis on copyright and generative artificial intelligence:
  On the Protection of Centaurs: The Legal Framework Governing Generative AI Contributions in Hybrid Works

Called to the Québec Bar, École du Barreau du Québec 2024

Bachelor of Civil Law · **Juris Doctor**, McGill University 2022

- Practical training in contract drafting under U.S. law: drafting of a promissory note, a security agreement, and a personal guarantee
- Courses in managerial accounting, tax law, and corporate taxation

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Sociology, University of Winnipeg 2018

- Dean's Honour List – Student of Highest Distinction
- Gold Medal in Sociology
- Additional coursework in conflict resolution, including practical training in negotiation

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lawyer, Law Office of Martha Shea 2024 to present

- Conducts research and drafts memos in family law, estates, housing law and civil liability
- Drafts and revises legal pleadings and consents to judgment implementing agreed-upon settlement terms; assists in the preparation of matters submitted to the Superior Court
- Conducts financial analysis for high-net-worth divorces and estate files: prepares inventories of assets and liabilities, reconstructs transactions, reviews supporting documentation, traces transfers and identifies discrepancies; prepares comparative tables and financial projections to support settlement negotiations

Articling Student, Research Service of the Court of Québec 2023 to 2024

- Performed legal research and analysis for matters before the Court of Québec; prepared research reports for judges setting out applicable law and relevant case law

Executive Director, Innocence McGill 2021 to 2022

Initially volunteer, subsequently paid

- Managed the operations of a non-profit legal clinic with approximately 20 volunteers
- Addressed governance issues, including preparing resolutions, updating internal legal templates and corporate records, and convening an annual general meeting
- Initiated and supervised the development of an internal policy guide; recruited, trained and supervised volunteers

Regulatory Affairs and Policy Analyst, Cooperation Partnership Canada Summer 2019

- Analysed New Brunswick education policies and regulatory requirements for the establishment and accreditation of a Canadian school in Tunisia
- Identified requirements and policies that needed to be adapted to the Tunisian legal, institutional, and operational context
- Developed and adapted policies relating to education, student transportation, health and safety, and the school's institutional values
- Prepared a draft submission to the New Brunswick Department of Education presenting the school model, its policy framework, and its approach to regulatory compliance

INVOLVEMENT

Participant, CAIJ Legal Technology & AI Hackathon 2026

- Co-developed an AI-assisted legal drafting prototype that extracted information from case files, automated template completion, and identified factual and legal issues requiring lawyer review

Caseworker, Innocence McGill 2020 to 2021

- Investigated allegations of wrongful conviction

Fencing Coach, Lightning Fencing Club of Winnipeg 2017 to 2018

- Coached two athletes who later joined the Canada's national youth fencing team

Athlete Representative, Board of Directors, Manitoba Fencing Association 2016 to 2018

AREAS OF INTEREST

Artificial intelligence · Intellectual property · Technology law · Regulatory affairs

LANGUAGES

French and English · full professional proficiency, spoken and written