

COVID-19 – Newsletter, March 15, 2020

Dear colleagues,

I would like to thank you for sending us your questions yesterday, Saturday, March 14th, by way of covid19@barreau.qc.ca. Each of your respective questions will be answered. There are a couple of outstanding questions which will be answered shortly. Of course, please continue to send us any questions you may have.

Essentially, the questions we received touched on: the administrative tribunals, many of whom released notices yesterday. Today, we should receive more clarification on procedures being put in place by the courts. We will publish this information on our [website](#) as it becomes available to us. The majority of your questions had to do with the procedure to follow to proceed with postponements.

I wish to point out that our partners, the judiciary and the Minister of Justice are all working very hard and I wish to sincerely thank them.

IMPORTANT

It will also soon be time for us to participate in the collective societal effort in this era of COVID-19, although we all have our families and professional obligations as well.

Therefore, please note that the Barreau intends to launch a special legal clinic for which we will be soliciting – on a volunteer basis – the availabilities (remotely, of course!) of all lawyers in the province of Quebec. We wish to offer the public free legal consultations related to the legal implications of COVID-19. Each consultation will be 15 minutes long and will take place by telephone. We will hold consultations with our partners in the coming hours in order to get this idea off the ground as quickly as possible.

Please let us know if you are interested in participating in this project (no formal commitment necessary) by writing to us at cliniquecovid19@barreau.qc.ca.

I know you and I am familiar your commitment to the profession; I am therefore confident that many of you will donate your time to this legal clinic.

I am proud of you all.

Kind regards,
Paul-Matthieu Grondin