

COVID-19 – Newsletter, March 20, 2020

Dear colleagues,

Hello to you all.

Here is the news of the day :

- 1) ECONOMIC RELIEF MEASURES: The government of Quebec announced measures yesterday. We have added them to our existing summary, which can be found here in our [summarizing document](#).
- 2) FREE ONLINE CONTINUING EDUCATION : Today we are happy to announce another measure we are putting in place in an effort to mitigate the effect of the current crisis. The [formations du catalogue Webpro du Barreau du Québec](#) as well as the [formations du Fonds d'assurance de la responsabilité professionnelle du Barreau du Québec](#) will be available to all free of charge for a period of 30 days beginning on March 23, 2020. Unlimited hours, no payment required. Please help us avoid the site crashing: don't all access the site on Day 1!
- 3) BAR SCHOOL: Yesterday, we sent the following message to all bar school students: [Message from Paul-Matthieu Grondin to students](#).
- 4) SWEARING-IN SWORN STATEMENTS BY TECHNOLOGICAL MEANS: It's on its way! Follow this development at the [COVID 19 tab](#) on our website today.
- 5) ACCESSING JUSTICE REMOTELY: We are studying different ways to keep the justice system functioning remotely in most domains of the law – it being understood that some domains will lend themselves to practicing remotely more than others. Crises are often the catalyst of profound, rapid and positive change. If we are unable to enter the courthouses for – at least! – a few weeks, can we envision a return to our regular activities by having virtual trials and by being less rigid with respect to certain procedural details? We cannot make any promises, but we have no choice but to consider all possibilities, while slightly favouring audaciousness over caution. We must admit that days go by and are none are alike - if there is an opportunity here, we must seize it. And, yes, we are aware about everyone's respective IT capabilities.
- 6) LEGAL CLINIC : The clinic was [launched this morning](#). Stay informed by following both traditional and social medias. Despite our current family and personal difficulties, our profession will be present and ready to respond to Quebec's new challenges and to meet them.

For all practice court updates, please consult our continuously updated website, [HERE](#)

Do not hesitate to join our Facebook group «Avocates et avocats du Québec - Groupe d'entraide - COVID19».

For any questions email: covid19@barreau.qc.ca

These daily updates will be on hold for the weekend. We will be back Monday morning.

Kind regards,

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