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THE HONOURABLE JUDGE GILLES HÉBERT JOINS LAPOINTE ROSENSTEIN MARCHAND MELANÇON

Montreal, September 4, 2012 – The members of the Executive Committee of Lapointe Rosenstein Marchand Melançon are pleased to announce that the Honourable Judge Gilles Hébert, Q.C., who recently retired as a judge of the Superior Court of Québec, has agreed to join their firm as counsel.

Called to the Quebec Bar in 1968, Mr. Hébert started his career with Desjardins Ducharme and then went on to practise law at Hébert, Rancourt, Legault, Boucher. At the time, he practised banking and penal law. He served as President of the Richelieu Bar Association in 1976, was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1986 and ascended to the bench in 1991. As an associate judge, he served as coordinator for the Superior Court of the District of Beauharnois from 1997 to 2002 and then as coordinator for the Criminal Division of the District of Montréal and surrounding districts from July 2002 to January 2005. In 2004, in conjunction with Justices Otis and Proulx of the Court of Appeal as well as the coordinating judges of the Court of Quebec, he contributed to the implementation of a mediation program for criminal and penal matters.

In the words of Attorney Ruth Veilleux, member of the Executive Committee, "His extensive experience and thorough knowledge of the legal landscape will be invaluable assets of our law firm. Without a doubt, his arrival will add a new dimension to our practice of law in many respects, in particular with regard to his ability to provide judicious advice and contribute to our young lawyers' continuing education program."

Mr. Hébert, who intends to share the benefit of his experience with the firm, states that "*I am very* enthusiastic about the idea of joining Lapointe Rosenstein Marchand Melançon. After 24 years of practising law and 20 years as a Superior Court judge, *I look* forward to helping younger lawyers acquire knowledge that is not learned from books alone."

About Lapointe Rosenstein Marchand Melançon

Following the merger of Lapointe Rosenstein and Marchand Melançon Forget on January 1, 2010, Lapointe Rosenstein Marchand Melançon became one of the largest independent law firms in Quebec and is comprised of more than 80 attorneys.

Through our association with TerraLex[®], an international organization connecting attorneys in over 160 countries, our team has access to a world-wide network of legal and commercial advisors in numerous fields of practice.

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