

ANNETTE LEFEBVRE, R.N., B.A., LL.B, B.C.L.

Annette Lefebvre obtained a Common Law degree and a Civil Law degree in 1989 from the Faculty of Law of McGill University. An attorney for Plaintiffs exclusively, for more than sixteen years Me Lefebvre has represented patients and their families in medical malpractice lawsuits involving highly technical issues of obstetrical, surgical, and neurological liability. In addition, she has successfully handled many cases of personal injury and medical product liability.

Prior to her legal studies, Me Lefebvre pursued a career as a Registered Nurse, working in intensive care in Montreal, Toronto, and at Stanford Medical Center in California. Formerly a partner in a renowned Montreal law firm, Annette Lefebvre launched her own law firm in September 2005 where she continues to specialize in medical malpractice, health advocacy and personal injury law.

Annette Lefebvre is frequently invited to give lectures on current issues in health care to various medical and legal organizations such as the Québec Bar, The Canadian Bar Association and The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, among others. She is a member of the Bar of Quebec, The Canadian Bar Association where she is currently a member of the Executive Committee for the National Health Law Section, and the American Association for Justice (previously known as the Association of Trial Lawyers of America). Me Lefebvre also serves as Treasurer on the Board of Directors of F.R.E.S.I.Q., the research arm of the Quebec Order of Nurses, and is a member of the Board of Directors of TRACOM, a Montreal Crisis Intervention Centre.



LITIGATION EXPERIENCE

Seventeen years.

An associate from 1991 at the law firm of Kugler Kandestin, she became a partner in 1998. In September 2005 Me Lefebvre opened her own independent law firm in downtown Montreal.

MEDICAL EXPERIENCE

Me Lefebvre was a Registered Nurse from 1975 until 1988.

EDUCATION

R.N. (Mohawk College, Hamilton Ontario, 1975); First Class Honours B.A. (McGill University, 1983); Common Law Degree, LL.B. and Civil Law Degree, B.C.L. (McGill University, Faculty of Law, 1989); Admitted to the Québec Bar (May, 1991).

LANGUAGES

Fluently bilingual, she pleads before the courts in both English and French.

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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

Me Lefebvre is frequently invited to give lectures on current issues in health care to various medical, legal and public organizations such as the Canadian Bar Association, the Quebec Bar and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons among others:

May 3, 2007 (Toronto): The Canadian Bar Association

[Conference] CRITICAL ISSUES IN HEALTH LAW: A NATIONAL SUMMIT:

[Session] Private Health Initiatives: The Business and Legal Side of Healthcare across Canada

[Speech] **Bill 33 and the Quebec Government's Response to the Chaoulli case.**

May 4, 2007 (Toronto): The Canadian Bar Association

[Conference] CRITICAL ISSUES IN HEALTH LAW: A NATIONAL SUMMIT

[Session] Medical Malpractice Litigation: Panel Discussion and Trial Demonstration on Expert Evidence and Causation Issues

[Presentation] **The Plaintiff's Perspective**

October 16, 2006 (Toronto): The Canadian Institute

[Conference] Delivering Private Healthcare in Canada: A Practical Guide to Understanding Current Private Health Care Practices in Canada

[Session] The National Perspective: Provincial Case Studies

[Speech] **The Quebec Story: The beginning of private healthcare in Canada?**

September 21, 2006 (Montreal): The Canadian Institute

[Conference] La gestion et la protection des renseignements confidentiels dans le domaine de la santé et des services sociaux

[Speech] **Minimiser les risques de non-conformité de votre établissement afin d'éviter d'engager votre responsabilité et les sanctions pécuniaires et administratives**

May 30, 2006 (Montreal): Beth Orah Seniors Community Center

[Speech] **Patient's Rights and Medical Malpractice**

- May 15, 2006 (Montreal): INSIGHT
[Conference] La Responsabilité Médicale et Hospitalière
[Speech] **Guide de survie pour démystifier une poursuite en responsabilité médicale et pistes de solution**
- September 20, 2005 (Montreal): The Royal Victoria Hospital (M.U. H. C.)
[Conference] Introduction to Clinical Medicine
[Speech] **Survival Guide to Medical Malpractice**
- May 14, 2005 (Montreal): The International Academy of Mediators
[Panel Discussion] Mediation of Wrongful Death Cases
[Presentation] **Lessons from Plaintiff Case Studies**
- May 2, 2005 (Montreal): The Canadian Institute
[Conference] Responsabilité Médicale et Hospitalière: Derniers développements légaux et stratégies pour réduire les risques d'engager votre responsabilité
[Speech] **Comment assurer le devoir de divulgation des erreurs médicales sans compromettre la responsabilité civile de votre établissement de santé**
- April 27, 2005 (Montreal): Association du Jeune Barreau de Montréal
[Keynote Speech] **La responsabilité médicale et hospitalière dans un contexte de limitation des ressources et de contraintes budgétaires**
- October 15, 2004 (Montreal): The Canadian Institute
[Conference] Le droit disciplinaire et la responsabilité professionnelle
[Panel] Réussir la négociation de vos règlements hors cour dans vos dossiers de responsabilité professionnelle.
[Speech] **Les stratégies gagnantes afin d'en arriver à un règlement hors cour dans les causes de responsabilité médicale**
- September 7, 2004 (Montreal): McGill University, Faculty of Medicine
[Conference] Introduction to Clinical Medicine
[Speech] **Survival Guide to Medical Malpractice**
- May 29, 2004 (Ottawa): The Canadian Bar Association
[Conference] Health Law Section Meeting
[Presentation] **Delays in Health Care Institutions and Recourses for the Plaintiff**
- May 11, 2004 (Montreal): The Montreal General Hospital (MUHC)
[Conference] Medical Grand Rounds
[Speech] **Survival Guide to Medical Malpractice: Case Studies**
- September 15, 2003 (Montreal): The Royal Victoria Hospital (MUHC)
[Conference] Introduction to Clinical Medicine
[Speech] **Survival Guide to Medical Malpractice**
- May 21, 2003 (Montreal): AstraZeneca Canada Inc.
[Conference] L'éducation médicale continue pour les omnipraticiens
[Speech] **Aspects médico-légaux reliés à la pratique de la médecine en cabinet privé**

April 11, 2003 (Montreal): The Royal Victoria Hospital (MUHC)

[Conference] Medical Grand Rounds

[Speech] **Survival Guide to Medical Malpractice: Case Studies**

November 22, 2002 (Montreal): The Quebec Bar Association

[Conference] Le devoir de sécurité et la responsabilité des établissements de santé

[Speech] **Les délais dans les institutions médicales: conséquences et recours des patients**

November 17, 2002 (Trieste, Italy): A.P.I.C.E.

(Anaesthesia, Pain, Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine)

[Conference] International Symposium on Critical Care Medicine

[Panel] Ethics and Law in Critical Care

[Speech] **Legal Issues with End-of-Life Care**

April 26, 2002 (Toronto): The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons

[Conference] The Cardiology Residents Training Program

[Keynote Speech] **Survival Guide to Medical Malpractice**

February 5, 2002 (Montreal): Kerr Financial

[Conference] The Next Step to Advanced Tax and Estate Planning

[Speech] **Living Wills**

November 27, 2001 (Montreal): AstraZeneca Canada Inc.

[Conference] Continuing Medical Education

[Speech] **La Responsabilité Médicale – Un guide de survie**

November 13, 2001 (Montreal): AstraZeneca Canada Inc.

[Conference] Continuing Medical Education

[Speech] **Lawsuit Prevention and Survival Guide to Medical Malpractice**

September 2001 (Montreal): McGill University, Faculty of Medicine

[Conference] Residents Training Program

[Speech] **Survival Guide to Medical Malpractice**

June 6, 2001 (Montreal): LORMAN

[Conference] Les dossiers médicaux dans le contexte du litige au Québec

[Speech] **La Responsabilité Médicale – Un guide de survie**

May 25, 2001 (Toronto): The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons

[Conference] Cardiology Residents Training Program

[Presentation] **Survival Guide to Medical Malpractice – a Case Review**

January 26, 2001 (Montreal): The Royal Victoria Hospital (M.U.H.C.)

[Speech] **Issues in Medical Malpractice – Part Two**

September 21, 2000 (Montreal): The Royal Victoria Hospital (M.U.H.C.)

[Speech] **Issues in Medical Malpractice - Part One**

September 29, 2000 (Montreal): AstraZeneca Canada Inc.

[Conference] Continuing Medical Education MUHC

[Speech] **Issues in Medical Malpractice**

May 26, 2000 (Toronto): The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons

[Conference] Cardiology Residents Training Program

[Opening Speech] **Medical Malpractice Prevention**

March 31, 2000 (Montreal): The Canadian Orthopaedic Nurses Association

[Keynote Speaker] **Nurses and the Law: The Role of the Professional Nurse and Avoiding Medical Malpractice**

PUBLICATIONS

Obtaining consent for research studies on incompetent subjects: the Québec experience, published in Intensive Care Medicine (2003) 29:496-498.

Delays in Health Care Institutions: Consequences and Recourses for Patients published in Barreau du Québec : Le devoir de sécurité et la responsabilité des établissements de santé (2002) vol. 179

Case Studies of Legal Intervention in End-of-Life Care in the I.C.U., published in A.P.I.C.E. Anaesthesia, Pain, Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine, edited by Dr. A. Gullo, (2002).