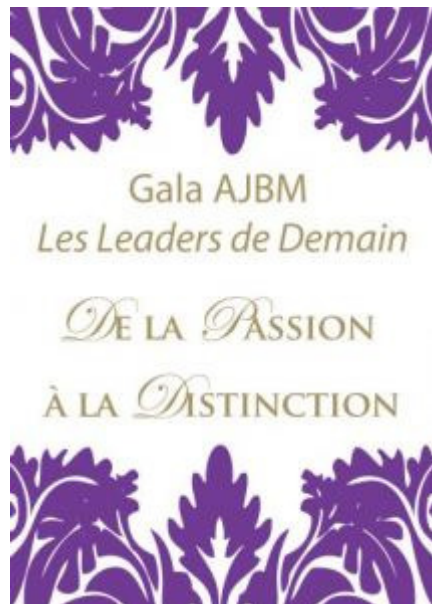


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Who made the cut for Lawyer of the Year awards

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Winners will be chosen on Nov. 24

The **Association du Jeune Barreau de Montréal (AJBM)** has revealed the names of the finalists who will compete for Lawyer of the Year awards in six categories at the annual Leaders of Tomorrow gala on Nov. 24.

There were close to 100 nominations this year for the awards that recognize distinction in legal work, leadership, innovation and public or social engagement among the community of lawyers who have less than 10 years of practice experience. (The AJBM has 4,200 members).

The winners are chosen by prominent judges and other leaders of the legal community (see listing below).

Here are the names of those who made the first cut in each of the six categories:

Civil and commercial litigation

[Mathieu Bouchard](#), *Irving Mitchell Kalichman*

[Paul-Matthieu Grondin](#), *Grondin Savarese Legal Inc.*

[Éric Préfontaine](#), *Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt*

Pro Bono/ Community involvement

[Raphael S. Barchichat](#), *KPMG*

Chantal Beaubien, *Cambodians for resource revenue transparency*

Mélanie Binette, SAAQ (Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec)

Criminal and penal law

[Annie Émond](#), *Boro, Polnicky, Lighter*

[Maude Pagé-Arpin](#), *Labelle, Boudrault, Côté & Associés*

Annabelle Sheppard, *DPCP* (Directeur des poursuites criminelles et pénales)

Family Law

[Natacha Calixte](#), *Robinson Sheppard Shapiro*

[Julie Dilli](#), *Lessard & Dilli, avocats*

[Awatif Lakhdar](#), *Lakhdar & Associés*

Corporate law

[Christian Jacques](#), *Fasken Martineau*

[Laurie McQueen](#), *Heenan Blaikie*

[Chantal Sylvestre](#), *Heenan Blaikie*

In-house Lawyer/ Lawyer working in a government department

[Caroline Healey](#), *International Air Transport Association*

Simon Tremblay, *Procureur général du Québec*

Julie Vallières, *Enerkem inc.*

Finalists judging panel:

Quebec Court of Appeal Justice Pierre J. Dalphond

Quebec Superior Court Justice Sophie Bourque

Doris Larrivée, director-general, Barreau de Montréal

Michèle Moreau, executive director, Pro Bono Québec

Nicolas Plourde, vice-president Barreau du Québec

Winners selection panel includes:

Nicole Duval Hesler, chief justice of Quebec and chief justice of the Quebec Court of Appeal

François Rolland, chief justice, Quebec Superior Court

Louise Masson, bâtonnier, Barreau du Québec

Elizabeth Greene, bâtonnière, Barreau de Montréal

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