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Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada expresses sadness at death of CAS President

OTTAWA - Benoit Girardin, Executive Director of the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC), today offered his reaction to the recent passing of Judge Keba Mbaye, 82, the President and founder of the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne.

Mbaye, of Senegal, founded the CAS in 1983 and was its only president. The CAS is an independent body providing services that bring about the settlement of sports-related disputes.

Judge Mbaye made an extraordinary contribution to the international sport community, said M. Girardin. It was his vision and his inspired leadership that created the CAS and built it into what is now a model for organizations like ours around the world. He leaves a truly remarkable legacy."

A former President of the Supreme Court of Senegal (1964-1982) and vice-president of the International Court of Justice at The Hague (1982-1991), Mbaye also enjoyed an exceptional career within the Olympic movement as a member of the IOC from 1973 to 2002.

His innate sense of justice and his passion for sport and Olympism made Keba Mbaye a unanimously recognised and respected personality at the heart of the international sporting community, said the CAS in a news release. Under his guidance, the CAS has experienced a remarkable development and has become year after year an institution of high standing the world over.

The SDRCC was established in 2004 to address the need to offer the Canadian sport community tools to prevent conflicts and, when they are inevitable, to resolve them. Find out more at www.adrsportred.ca

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