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PROFILE

Business immigration and sports law lawyer with over 30 years of legal experience. I hold a degree from the Université de Montréal and have been an active member of the Quebec Bar since 1992. I founded my own firm, focused on providing cutting-edge legal services.

My career extends beyond Canadian borders, having successfully led international business projects, notably in Dubai. I am also recognized for my expertise as an arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC), where I have contributed to significant decisions influencing the world of sports.

Active in the professional community, I have chaired and participated in committees within key organizations, such as the Quebec Association of Immigration Lawyers and the Canadian Olympic Committee, highlighting my commitment to improving practices in immigration and sports law.

EDUCATION

The Directors College (C.Dir.)	2010
Administrateur de Sociétés Certifié (ASC)	
MCMASTER UNIVERSITY Hamilton, Canada	
Admission to the Bar	1992
ÉCOLE DU BARREAU DU QUÉBEC Montreal, Canada	
Bachelor of Law (LL.B.)	1991
UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL Montreal, Canada	
Faculty of Arts and Sciences	1988
YORK UNIVERSITY Toronto, Canada	

LANGUAGES

- French
- English

DISTINCTION

Arista-Sunlife Award - Young Professional of the Year	1999
JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF MONTREAL	
Recognition - Ambassador	2018
TRIATHLON QUEBEC	

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- PATRICE BRUNET AVOCATS | MANAGING PARTNER - LAWYER** | Since 2014
Law firm focused on business immigration and sports law
- Client management, advising clients, and overseeing file preparation.
 - Managing a team of about 12 professionals.
 - Administrative management: business development, human resources, and finances.
- UNIVERSITÉ DE SHERBROOKE | LECTURER** | Since 2022-2024
Specialized Graduate Diplomas (DESS)
- Sports doping
- NEXT GROUP FZ LLE | PRESIDENT-FOUNDER** | 2012 - 2014
Dubai
- Managing projects requiring business law expertise.
 - Leading the company with operations in the UAE and Canada.
 - Assembling expert teams based on projects.
 - Recommending and implementing solutions to complex situations to provide teams with the appropriate tools for decision-making.
- NRS INTERNATIONAL | DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** | 2012 - 2014
Dubai
- Planning, managing, and executing tasks related to company development (100M\$ revenue).
 - Leading a team of lawyers in various countries to initiate, negotiate, and conclude equipment and intellectual property acquisition transactions.
 - Planning the transition phase of operations, international equipment transfer, and production to meet objectives.
- BRUNET LAWYERS | PRESIDENT-FOUNDER & LAWYER** | 1993 - 2011
Law firm focused on business immigration and sports law
- Client management, advising clients, and overseeing file preparation.
 - Managing a team of around 15 professionals.
 - Administrative management: business development, marketing, human resources, and finances.

OTHER EXPERIENCES

THE BRUNET CODE CREATOR AND HOST <i>Podcast: Immigration, sport, business and human optimization</i>	Since 2023
QUEBEC IMMIGRATION LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION (AQAADI) MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spokesperson before the media and federal and provincial parliamentary committees.• Managing the board of directors' current affairs.• Regular contacts with senior officials to identify and present solutions to problems encountered in the public management of immigration policies (federal and provincial levels).	2024 - 2026 2002 - 2006 2001 - 2002
OLYMPIC GAMES - TOKYO ARBITRATOR, AD HOC DIVISION OF THE ANTI-DOPING DIVISION OF THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT	2021
QUEBEC GAMES FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER - SECRETARY	2010 - 2011
CANADIAN SOCIETY OF IMMIGRATION CONSULTANTS (CSIC) FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER <i>NPO recognized by federal regulation for the purpose of regulating immigration consultants</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chairing the Ethics and Discipline Committee and the Nomination Committee.	2008 - 2010 2003 - 2006
OLYMPIC GAMES MISSION STAFF MEMBER - ATHLETE LAWYER Turino Salt Lake City Atlanta <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Managing fairness and doping issues, either indirectly or through quasi-judicial intervention before the Court of Arbitration for Sport.	2006 2002 1996

SOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

SPORT DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTRE OF CANADA (SDRCC) ARBITRATOR	Since 2002
COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS) ARBITRATOR - GENERAL LIST AND ANTI-DOPING DIVISION	Since 1995
WORLD TRIATHLON MEMBER OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL COMMITTEE	1995 - 2024
CANADIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE BOARD MEMBER AND MEMBER "B"	1996 - 2023
UNITED STATES ANTI-DOPING AGENCY (USADA) ARBITRATOR	2001 - 2008
TRIATHLON CANADA VICE-PRESIDENT AND BOARD MEMBER	1993 - 2002
WORLD TRIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS (MONTREAL) PRESIDENT AND CO-RACE DIRECTOR	1999
YOUNG BAR ASSOCIATION OF MONTREAL COUNCILLOR	1997 - 1998
TRIATHLON QUEBEC PRESIDENT AND BOARD MEMBER	1990 - 1996
CANADA LAW STUDENT GAMES INC. PRESIDENT	1990 - 1996

PUBLICATION

Le Droit du Sport au Québec et au Canada, Marianne SAROLI and Patrice BRUNET, Edition Yvon Blais/Thomson Reuters, 2018.

CONFERENCES

VOUS LANCER : DESTINATION USA - L'IMMIGRATION AMÉRICAINE | April 16, 2024
| WEBINAR ORGANIZED BY CCI FRANÇAISE AU CANADA

CONFERENCES - CONTINUED

IMPACT OF WADA PRIVACY STANDARDS ON AWARD WRITING AND JURISPRUDENCE CAS/SDRCC	February 1, 2024
CAS JURISPRUDENCE IN DISCIPLINARY MATTERS CAS/SDRCC	January 31, 2024
THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT AND HUMAN RIGHTS JOINT CONFERENCE OF THE CANADIAN, FRENCH AND SWISS BRANCHES OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION	February 22, 2022
IMMIGRATION AND COVID-19: LAWYERS ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS WEBINAR GIVEN BY PATRICE BRUNET AND OTHERS.	April 23, 2020
ASSESSING COSTS IN DOPING DECISIONS SRDCC, MONTREAL PATRICE BRUNET AND LUISI RITACCA.	January 31, 2020
CAUSES DE DIFFÉRENDS ET STRATÉGIES DE PRÉVENTION SDRCC, MONTREAL PATRICE BRUNET AND ELINI SIGANOS.	January 29, 2020
SPORTS ARBITRATION INDIVIDUAL JUSTICE V. INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY SDRCC.	November 2018
REVIEW OF RECENT SDRCC AND INTERNATIONAL JURISPRUDENCE SDRCC, WINNIPEG PATRICE BRUNET AND CHARMAINE PANKO	November 2, 2018
LA MÉDIATION ET L'ARBITRAGE DANS LE SPORT, UN SURVOL EN PÉRIODE OLYMPIQUE IMAQ.	February 2018
LE JUGE ET LA LEX SPORTIVA : QUEL EST LE COMPORTEMENT DU JUGE ARBITRAL, DU JUGE NATIONAL ET DU JUGE EUROPÉEN FACE AUX NORMES SPORTIVES TRANSNATIONALES, INTERNATIONAL SPORTS ARBITRATION MONTREAL FRANCK LATTY AND PATRICE BRUNET.	June 4, 2015
ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLES OF GOOD GOVERNANCE TAEKWONDO CANADA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.	April 11, 2015
VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS AT THE SERVICE OF CANADIAN ATHLETES SDRCC, OTTAWA.	November 20, 2014

CONFERENCES - CONTINUED

LES PERMIS DE TRAVAIL AU CANADA : COMMENT ASSISTER NOS CLIENTS DANS UN CONTEXTE DE CHANGEMENT CONSTANT IMEDA, MONTREAL	October 16, 2014
GOVERNANCE RETREAT BOARD OF DIRECTORS KARATE CANADA.	August 15, 2010

MEDIA APPEARANCES

LE REGROUPEMENT FAMILIAL NE DEVRAIT PAS ÊTRE VU COMME UN FARDEAU Reactions on Qub radio to my opinion piece published by La Presse on March 6, 2024: "But what are you afraid of, Madame Fréchette?"	March 7, 2024
MAIS DE QUOI AVEZ-VOUS PEUR, MADAME FRÉCHETTE ? Opinion piece published in La Presse denouncing that the government's position seems to go against the principles of autonomy and individual freedom, as the choice of a spouse fundamentally falls under personal autonomy.	March 6, 2024
UN « CARTEL » ENTRE LA LNH ET LES LIGUES CANADIENNES DE HOCKEY JUNIOR ? Comments on 98.5 regarding the class action lawsuit filed in the United States against the Canadian junior hockey leagues and the National Hockey League (NHL) in federal court on Wednesday, February 14, 2024.	February 15, 2024
LES CINQ JOUEURS D'ÉQUIPE CANADA JUNIOR 2018 ONT COMPARU HIER Appearance on 106.9 Mauricie to answer listeners' questions.	February 6, 2024
LA POLICE DE LONDON OFFRE SES EXCUSES À LA VICTIME ALLÉGUÉE Comments on Radio Canada regarding the apology offered by the London police to the alleged victim.	February 5, 2024
SCANDALE D'ÉQUIPE CANADA JUNIOR: TROIS AUTRES JOUEURS POURRAIENT S'AJOUTER ? Explanations on FM93 about what comes next for the five co-accused players in the 2018 Team Canada Junior sexual scandal case.	February 5, 2024

MEDIA APPEARANCES - CONTINUED

TOUT CE QUE VOUS DEVEZ COMPRENDRE DU DOSSIER ÉQUIPE CANADA JUNIOR DE 2018 Update on BPM Sports about the 2018 Team Canada Junior case.	January 24, 2024
IMMIGRANT FAMILIES WAIT LONGER TO BE REUNITED IN QUEBEC THAN THE REST OF CANADA Comments on the waiting time for Family Reunification in Quebec on CTV News.	July 8, 2023
DONNER DES DENTS AU CHIEN DE GARDE DU SPORT QUÉBÉCOIS Comments on Radio Canada about the Complaints Officer, responsible for handling complaints regarding sports associations and clubs in Quebec.	April 3, 2023
UN YOUTUBEUR SÈME LE CHAOS Article published in La Presse about the possibilities of immigrating to Canada by volunteering at the National Bank Open.	February 28, 2023
DES CHAMPIONS DU DROIT DE L'IMMIGRATION Presentation of the attorneys of patrice.brunet.avocats., that combine work in immigration law and a passion for sports, published in Droit inc.	January 12, 2023
UN SPECTACLE EXCITANT AU GRAND QUAI DU VIEUX-PORT Podium Productions, chaired by Patrice Brunet, hosts the first-ever Sprint and Relay Triathlon World Championships in Montreal, as published in La Presse.	June 8, 2022
LA RUSSIE CONTESTE SON EXCLUSION DU SPORT : QUELS SONT LES ENJEUX JURIDIQUES? Comments on Radio Canada regarding the exclusion of Russia by FIFA, UEFA, the World Athletics Championships, and the Paralympic Games.	March 9, 2022
KAMILA VALIEVA : LUMIÈRE SUR UN DOSSIER COMPLEXE Interview on RDS about Valieva, the Russian skater at the center of a doping scandal.	February 16, 2022
UN AVOCAT AUX JEUX OLYMPIQUES Droit inc. mentions my presence at the Tokyo Olympic Games.	July 20, 2021
ON COURT MONTRÉAL VA DE L'AVANT. PATRICE BRUNET, PRÉSIDENT DE PRODUCTIONS PODIUM. Interview on 98.5 about the sporting events I organize, including On Court Montréal, during COVID-19.	June 13, 2021

MEDIA APPEARANCES - CONTINUED

- EXTRAIT DE ME PATRICE BRUNET - AJLNH** | June 3, 2021
Interview with Radio-Canada about the role and position of the NHL Players' Association in controlling violence in hockey.
- EXTRAIT PATRICE BRUNET - ACCUSATIONS CRIMINELLES CONTRE MARK SCHEIFELE** | June 3, 2021
Comments on Radio Canada about the Complaints Officer, responsible for handling complaints regarding sports associations and clubs in Quebec.
- LES LIMITES DE LA LOI POUR UN GESTE PENDANT UN MATCH** | June 3, 2021
Interview on Radio Canada about the slim chances of legal or civil actions being initiated against Mark Scheifele, the Winnipeg Jets, and the NHL.
- COVID-19 : LES DÉFIS D'ORGANISER LE TRIATHLON MONDIAL DE MONTRÉAL EN 5 QUESTIONS** | April 4, 2021
On Radio Canada, "Sports event organizers are holding their breath with the arrival of a third wave of COVID-19 in Quebec. This is the case for Patrice Brunet, president of TriCon Events, who is leading the World Triathlon Montreal."
- HALF-MARATHON IN MONTREAL GOES AHEAD, WITH COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES IN PLACE** | August 22, 2020
Interview on CBC about organizing a half marathon in Montreal while managing COVID measures.
- LE CIO VA-T-IL REVOIR SA POSITION SUR LES MANIFESTATIONS?** | June 15, 2020
Comments on sporting events as a former lawyer for the Canadian Olympic team, on Radio Canada.
- LA RUSSIE JOUE SON AVENIR SPORTIF : LE REGARD DE DEUX EXPERTS** | November 3, 2020
On Radio Canada, comments as an arbitrator for the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) on the trial between the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and the Russian Olympic Committee, which is accused of cheating in major sporting competitions.
- PATRICE BRUNET, L'HOMME DES GRANDES OCCASIONS !** | December 15, 2019
Triathlon Mondial Groupe Copley and TriCon Events (now Podium Productions), with Patrice Brunet as CEO, will host the first-ever Sprint and Team Triathlon World Championships in 2022, published on RDS.

MEDIA APPEARANCES - CONTINUED

LE VIEUX-PORT, BELLE CARTE DE VISITE POUR LE TRIATHLON INTERNATIONAL DE MONTRÉAL (REPORTAGE) | July 30, 2019

Patrice Brunet organized the World Triathlon Series in Montreal, where the world's best triathletes competed in Montreal, published on Radio Canada.

DÉPASSER LE PELOTON DES BEDONNANTS | September 30, 2010

« An expert in immigration law, Patrice Brunet is also a triathlon enthusiast who has represented Canadian athletes at the Olympic Games. », published on Droit inc.

UN QUÉBÉCOIS ENTENDRA LANDIS | February 14, 2007

“Mr. Patrice Brunet Chaired the arbitrators' committee of the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) that will hear the Landis case.”, published on Radio Canada.