

Federation of Law Societies of Canada Fédération des ordres professionnels de juristes du Canada

## **News Release**

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## Federation Welcomes Appointment of New Supreme Court Justice

The Federation of Law Societies of Canada is pleased to congratulate Justice Mary Moreau on her appointment to the Supreme Court of Canada. The appointment of the first francophone from Western Canada to the highest court also puts women in the majority on the Supreme Court for the first time since it was established in 1875.

"Justice Moreau's appointment is a cause for celebration for many reasons," said Federation President Jill Perry. "Having a majority of women on the Supreme Court is both reassuring and inspiring for Canadian women and girls. Everyone who values gender equality in our key institutions can take pride in this significant aspect of Justice Moreau's personal achievement." President Perry is the first of three women in a row who will hold the top leadership position of the Federation, something unprecedented since the Federation was established almost 100 years ago.

The Federation is honoured to have been represented on the Independent Advisory Board for Supreme Court of Canada Judicial Appointments that recommended the appointment of Justice Moreau, as well as other current members of the Court.

The Federation of Law Societies of Canada is the national association of the 14 law societies mandated by the provinces and territories to regulate Canada's legal profession in the public interest. It is the body through which Canada's law societies collaborate at the national level, share information on trends and issues affecting the legal profession, and engage in collective action and decision-making.

The Federation is also the law societies' national and international voice on important issues related to the regulation and core values of the legal profession. For more information on the Federation, please visit our web site at <u>www.flsc.ca</u>.

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