



## CCIL Executive: Biographies



**President: Professor Céline Lévesque**

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Céline Lévesque has been a professor at the University of Ottawa for over 20 years and has held the position of Dean of the Faculty of Law, Civil Law Section, from July 2014 to July 2019. She is an expert in International Economic Law, more particularly in International Investment Law. She teaches courses in these fields, as well as in Public International Law. Céline was a visiting professor at University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and at Xi'an Jiaotong University, in China. She has also given lectures and conferences in a dozen countries. She is a Senior Fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI).

Since October 2019, she is the President of the Canadian Council on International Law (CCIL).

In the Spring of 2019, she was nominated as a Member of the Independent Advisory Board for Supreme Court of Canada Judicial Appointments for the Quebec seat.

Professor Lévesque currently serves as an arbitrator in a NAFTA Chapter 11 case and was appointed in 2018 to the roster of candidates to serve on panels established under NAFTA Chapter 19.

In 2008-2009, Céline was a Scholar-in-Residence at the Trade Law Bureau of the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. In that capacity, she participated in NAFTA Chapter 11 proceedings and in bilateral investment treaty negotiations.

Prior to joining the university, Céline worked at the World Bank in Washington, DC, in a group specialized in private participation in infrastructure. She was involved in projects dealing with public-private partnerships in the water and electricity sectors and participated in missions to the Ivory Coast, Guinea (Conakry), Mauritania and Senegal.



**Treasurer: Alexandra Logvin**

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Alexandra is a graduate of the University of Ottawa and the State University of Belarus. She earned a Masters of Laws degree from the University of Ottawa, focused on commercial arbitration between foreign private investors and states. Following graduations, she worked as a legal researcher on international arbitration files for the International Institute for Sustainable Development and the Trade Law Bureau of International Trade Canada.

Before she was called to the Bar in Belarus, Alexandra articulated at the Economic Court of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). She practised commercial arbitration, civil litigation and contract law in Belarus for a year and a half as an associate at a law firm and as in-house counsel at a trade company.

Alexandra sits on the Board of Directors of the Ottawa chapter of the Organization of Women in International Trade (OWIT), the Ottawa chapter of the Canada Eurasia Russia Business Association (CERBA), and the Canadian Council on International Law (CCIL). She is also a member of the Membership Committee of the County of Carleton Law Association (CCLA), and a reviewer of the Parliamentary section of the Canadian Yearbook of International Law since 2003.

Alexandra speaks several languages, including English, German, Russian, Belarusian, and French, and also has a working knowledge of Polish and Ukrainian.



**Secretary: Victoria Clark**

Term: October 2018 – October 2021

Victoria is legal counsel with the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada in Toronto.

She holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Western Ontario and a JD from the University of Ottawa, where she specialized in international law. After completing her articles with Global Affairs Canada, she was called to the Bar of Ontario in 2014.

Since being called to the bar, she practiced law with the Trade Law Bureau of Canada (JLT), where she advised the federal government on matters relating to Canada's international trade and investment law obligations, participated in trade agreement negotiations, and litigated international trade disputes. Since moving to Toronto in 2016 she has worked for PwC Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. Victoria joined the CCIL Board in 2014 and is grateful for the opportunity to have co-chaired the 2014 and 2015 annual conferences.