



PRESS RELEASE

THE COMMISSION DES SERVICES JURIDIQUES PRESENTS THE 2013 ROBERT-SAUVÉ AWARDS

Montreal, November 1, 2013 - On October 31, 2013, M^e Denis Roy, Chairman of the Commission des services juridiques, proudly presented the 2013 Robert-Sauvé Awards in Longueuil. The awards were created in order to recognize the exceptional contribution of individuals to promoting the rights of the less fortunate. The prize is named after the founding chairman of legal aid in Québec, Robert Sauvé, who was Chairman of the Commission des services juridiques from 1972 to 1977. Each year, one award is presented to a person from within the legal aid network and another to a member of the general public.

This year, the winner in the Legal Aid Network category was **M^e Dominique Trudel**, for her commitment to troubled children and teens and for her involvement as a member of various boards of directors of organizations working with young people. The 2013 award in the General Public category was conferred upon **Ms. Isabelle Harvey** for her work with women and children victims of conjugal and family violence.

M^e Dominique Trudel

M^e Trudel, a lawyer in the Youth Division of the Québec City Community legal centre, has been representing her clients with skill and dedication for over thirty years. She sits on the board of directors of a number of organizations that work with young people and is often invited to speak to teens and their parents about their rights.

Ms. Isabelle Harvey

Ms. Harvey has been Executive Director of the women's shelter La Passerelle for over twenty years. She established a service centre within this organization that allows children to enjoy the access rights they have with their parents if these rights are supervised or must be exercised elsewhere than in the home of one of the parents. Her expertise in matters of family and conjugal violence has made her an indispensable partner for groups in her region that fight against all forms of violence.

About the Commission des services juridiques

The Commission des services juridiques is the agency charged with applying the *Act respecting legal aid and the provision of certain other legal services* in Québec. Legal aid may be granted to anyone who is financially eligible, in order to cover various legal services involving civil, family, administrative, criminal, mental health, immigration or youth law matters. It is also the agency charged with offering the services provided for in the *Act to promote access to justice in family matters*, namely, the Homologation Assistance Service (HAS), which has been in effect since October, 10, 2013, and the Service administratif de rajustement des pensions alimentaires pour enfants (SARPA), a child support recalculation service which will be available in the coming months.

For more information, please visit the website of the Commission des services juridiques at <http://www.csj.qc.ca>.

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