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McCarthy Tétrault the first major Canadian law firm to become a “Partner without Borders” of Lawyers without Borders

Montreal, January 17, 2008 – McCarthy Tétrault and the Québec division of Lawyers without Borders (LWBQ) are pleased to announce that they have entered into a three-year partnership, making McCarthy Tétrault a “Partner without Borders” of LWBQ, the Canadian branch of the Lawyers without Borders world movement.

By becoming the first major Canadian law firm to be granted the status of “Partner without Borders,” McCarthy Tétrault continues its long tradition of providing pro bono legal services and community outreach.

“The principle of giving back to communities is a fundamental aspect of the identity and values of our firm,” says Marc-André Blanchard, Managing Partner for the Québec region of McCarthy Tétrault. “Our ‘Partner without Borders’ status will enable our lawyers to diversify their pro bono activities by working abroad and promoting respect for human rights internationally.”

Founded in late 2002, LWBQ contributes on an entirely volunteer basis to defending the rights of the most vulnerable individuals in developing countries and countries in crisis. The organization will be celebrating the fifth year of its founding at a benefit gala to be held in Montreal on January 24.

“‘Partner without Borders’ is the organization’s highest donor status,” says the Honourable Claire L’Heureux-Dubé, retired justice of the Supreme Court of Canada and Chair of the LWBQ Board. “Our partnership with McCarthy Tétrault comes at a perfect time – just as the organization is planning to expand its activities in Canada, particularly in Toronto, where we already have projects underway.”

McCarthy Tétrault’s commitment to providing pro bono legal services was recognized in 2006 when the firm received the *Canadian National Pro Bono Law Firm Award*. McCarthy Tétrault is also a partner of Pro Bono Students Canada. In this capacity, the firm’s lawyers supervise legal research and support provided by students working on a pro bono basis.



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About McCarthy Tétrault

McCarthy Tétrault delivers integrated business law, litigation, tax law, real property law, and labour and employment law services nationally and globally. Experience the McCarthy Tétrault difference – and discover first-hand how our integrated talent, depth of knowledge and expertise can be to your competitive advantage.

About Lawyers without Borders

Lawyers without Borders (Québec division) is the Canadian branch of the Lawyers without Borders world movement. It is a volunteer NGO whose mission is to contribute to the defense of the rights of the most vulnerable individuals or groups in the developing world or in countries in crisis, particularly by supporting the work of lawyers, officials of justice and other human rights defenders. LWBQ has already conducted more than 30 missions in nine countries that include Colombia, Nigeria and Haiti, where LWBQ works with one or more local partners on an entirely pro bono basis.

To learn more about LWBQ, become a member, or make a donation, visit www.asfquebec.org.

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