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Ann Soden is an Elder Law lawyer and mediator. She is the Founding Chair of the National Elder Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association (CBA), Past Chair of the Quebec Elder Law Section of the CBA, a founding Director of the Canadian and Quebec Networks for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, Canadian President of the World Jurist Association, Washington, D.C. and the first international Commissioner of the American Bar Association's Commission on Law and Aging, in Washington, D.C.

Ann heads the National Institute of Law, Policy and Aging/Institut National du droit, de la politique et du vieillissement, based in Montreal, a Canadian reference center for excellence in research, education and advocacy on issues of law, policy and aging.

She is a frequent national and international speaker on issues affecting older persons. She introduced the first comparative Elder Law course at McGill University's Faculty of Law in the winter of 2005 and has developed specialized lectures for the McGill School of Social Work, the McGill University Health Center Geriatrics Academic Seminar, the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants and the National Judicial Institute.

In 2007 Ann opened the Clinique juridique des aînés / The Elder Law Clinic, a clinical course in Elder Law offered through the McGill Faculty of Law and Université de Montréal which serves as a pro bono clinic for older adults and professionals in Quebec on legal issues of aging, employing the services of students, senior lawyers and retired judges. In addition, Ann has taught courses on Law and Aging to Masters of Law students at the Université de Montréal (2010-2012).

Ann Soden is General Editor and one of the authors of *Advising the Older Client*, the first national, comparative law text on law and aging in Canada, published in 2005 by Lexis Nexis Butterworths (Second Edition, 2016); co-author with Charmaine Spencer of Simon Fraser University of *A Softly Greying Nation: Law, Ageing and Policy in Canada*, *International Journal of Law and Aging*, Volume 2, AARP and Stetson University College of Law, 2007; author of "Beyond Incapacity" in *Towards Autonomy: Exploring the Clinical, Legal and Ethical Aspects of Mental Capacity* (2011) 5:2 MJLH 271; general editor with Dr. Israel Doron of *Beyond Elder Law: New Directions in Law and Aging*, Springer, Germany, 2012; author with Dr. Robert Gordon of Simon Fraser University of *The Guardianship of Incapable Adults and Their Property in Canada*, A. Kimberley Dayton, ed., *Comparative Perspectives on Adult Guardianship* (Carolina Academic Press, 2014) and General Editor of one of the authors of *Le droit des aînés*, Lexis Nexis Québec, to be published in 2016.

As a practitioner Ann offers legal advice, advocacy and case management to older clients and to the people who play an important role in the lives of older adults in her multidisciplinary practice. These latter include families and caregivers, professionals in health care, social services, the financial and real estate sectors, as well as legal representatives, legatees, trustees and executors. She employs, in her private practice and her

legal clinic, participatory and restorative justice approaches to finding efficient, practical and human solutions to the multifaceted problems of aging.

As part of her commitment to community and public service, Ann Soden has acted for more than nineteen years as a consultant to the Quebec Institute of Social Gerontology on issues of abuse and exploitation as part of a multidisciplinary consultation team and is consultant to the Canadian Bar Association the Barreau du Quebec and government on legal issues of aging and legislative reform.

In 2007 she was designated *avocate émérite (Ad. E.)* by the Barreau du Québec for her contributions to the development of Elder Law in Canada and Quebec.