



COUR D'APPEL DU QUÉBEC

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Montreal, May 17, 2011 – The Honourable Michel Robert, Chief Justice of Quebec, announced last Friday during a meeting of the judges of the Court of Appeal that he will retire from his position at the Quebec Court of Appeal effective August 30, 2011. He has since advised the Chief Justice of Canada and the Canadian Judicial Council.

Born on January 29, 1938, Chief Justice Robert was called to the Bar of Quebec in 1962. He was in private practice from 1962 to 1995. He was also a lecturer, faculty of Law, University of Montreal in civil liability and civil procedure from 1970 to 1980. In 1974, he became President of the Quebec Bar and in 1975, President of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada. He is co-author and author of numerous articles and books. He was appointed Queen's Counsel, in 1982 and made a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in 1987. He served as a member of the Security Intelligence Review Committee, from 1991 to 1995. On May 9, 1995, he was appointed to the Court of Appeal of Quebec and made Chief Justice of Quebec on June 25, 2002. In July 2009, he was appointed 2nd Vice-Chair, Canadian Judicial Council.

The Prime Minister of Canada will designate the next Chief Justice and the federal cabinet will make the appointment.

Reference: Chief Justice's Office, 514-393-2016.