







# Patrice Brunet

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## PROFILE

Business immigration and sports law lawyer with over 30 years of legal experience. I hold a degree from the Université de Montréal and have been an active member of the Quebec Bar since 1992. I founded my own firm, focused on providing cutting-edge legal services.

My career extends beyond Canadian borders, having successfully led international business projects, notably in Dubai. I am also recognized for my expertise as an arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC), where I have contributed to significant decisions influencing the world of sports.

Active in the professional community, I have chaired and participated in committees within key organizations, such as the Quebec Association of Immigration Lawyers and the Canadian Olympic Committee, highlighting my commitment to improving practices in immigration and sports law.

## EDUCATION

<b>The Directors College (C.Dir.)</b>	2010
<b>Administrateur de Sociétés Certifié (ASC)</b>	
MCMASTER UNIVERSITY Hamilton, Canada	
<b>Admission to the Bar</b>	1992
ÉCOLE DU BARREAU DU QUÉBEC Montreal, Canada	
<b>Bachelor of Law (LL.B.)</b>	1991
UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL Montreal, Canada	
<b>Faculty of Arts and Sciences</b>	1988
YORK UNIVERSITY Toronto, Canada	

## LANGUAGES

- French
- English

## DISTINCTION

<b>Arista-Sunlife Award - Young Professional of the Year</b>	1999
JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF MONTREAL	
<b>Recognition - Ambassador</b>	2018
TRIATHLON QUEBEC	

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- PATRICE BRUNET AVOCATS | MANAGING PARTNER - LAWYER** | Since 2014  
***Law firm focused on business immigration and sports law***
- Client management, advising clients, and overseeing file preparation.
  - Managing a team of about 12 professionals.
  - Administrative management: business development, human resources, and finances.
- UNIVERSITÉ DE SHERBROOKE | LECTURER** | Since 2022-2024  
***Specialized Graduate Diplomas (DESS)***
- Sports doping
- NEXT GROUP FZ LLE | PRESIDENT-FOUNDER** | 2012 - 2014  
***Dubai***
- Managing projects requiring business law expertise.
  - Leading the company with operations in the UAE and Canada.
  - Assembling expert teams based on projects.
  - Recommending and implementing solutions to complex situations to provide teams with the appropriate tools for decision-making.
- NRS INTERNATIONAL | DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** | 2012 - 2014  
***Dubai***
- Planning, managing, and executing tasks related to company development (100M\$ revenue).
  - Leading a team of lawyers in various countries to initiate, negotiate, and conclude equipment and intellectual property acquisition transactions.
  - Planning the transition phase of operations, international equipment transfer, and production to meet objectives.
- BRUNET LAWYERS | PRESIDENT-FOUNDER & LAWYER** | 1993 - 2011  
***Law firm focused on business immigration and sports law***
- Client management, advising clients, and overseeing file preparation.
  - Managing a team of around 15 professionals.
  - Administrative management: business development, marketing, human resources, and finances.

## OTHER EXPERIENCES

<b>THE BRUNET CODE</b>   CREATOR AND HOST <i>Podcast: Immigration, sport, business and human optimization</i>	Since 2023
<b>QUEBEC IMMIGRATION LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION (AQAADI)</b>   MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS   PRESIDENT   VICE-PRESIDENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spokesperson before the media and federal and provincial parliamentary committees.</li><li>• Managing the board of directors' current affairs.</li><li>• Regular contacts with senior officials to identify and present solutions to problems encountered in the public management of immigration policies (federal and provincial levels).</li></ul>	2024 - 2026   2002 - 2006   2001 - 2002
<b>OLYMPIC GAMES - TOKYO</b>   ARBITRATOR, AD HOC DIVISION OF THE ANTI-DOPING DIVISION OF THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT	2021
<b>QUEBEC GAMES FOUNDATION</b>   BOARD MEMBER - SECRETARY	2010 - 2011
<b>CANADIAN SOCIETY OF IMMIGRATION CONSULTANTS (CSIC)</b>   FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER <i>NPO recognized by federal regulation for the purpose of regulating immigration consultants</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chairing the Ethics and Discipline Committee and the Nomination Committee.</li></ul>	2008 - 2010   2003 - 2006
<b>OLYMPIC GAMES</b>   MISSION STAFF MEMBER - ATHLETE LAWYER   Turino   Salt Lake City   Atlanta <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Managing fairness and doping issues, either indirectly or through quasi-judicial intervention before the Court of Arbitration for Sport.</li></ul>	2006   2002   1996

## **SOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT**

<b>SPORT DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTRE OF CANADA (SDRCC)   ARBITRATOR</b>	Since 2002
<b>COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS)   ARBITRATOR - GENERAL LIST AND ANTI-DOPING DIVISION</b>	Since 1995
<b>WORLD TRIATHLON   MEMBER OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL COMMITTEE</b>	1995 - 2024
<b>CANADIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE   BOARD MEMBER AND MEMBER "B"</b>	1996 - 2023
<b>UNITED STATES ANTI-DOPING AGENCY (USADA)   ARBITRATOR</b>	2001 - 2008
<b>TRIATHLON CANADA   VICE-PRESIDENT AND BOARD MEMBER</b>	1993 - 2002
<b>WORLD TRIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS (MONTREAL)   PRESIDENT AND CO-RACE DIRECTOR</b>	1999
<b>YOUNG BAR ASSOCIATION OF MONTREAL   COUNCILLOR</b>	1997 - 1998
<b>TRIATHLON QUEBEC   PRESIDENT AND BOARD MEMBER</b>	1990 - 1996
<b>CANADA LAW STUDENT GAMES INC.   PRESIDENT</b>	1990 - 1996

## **PUBLICATION**

**Le Droit du Sport au Québec et au Canada**, Marianne SAROLI and Patrice BRUNET, Edition Yvon Blais/Thomson Reuters, 2018.

## **CONFERENCES**

**VOUS LANCER : DESTINATION USA - L'IMMIGRATION AMÉRICAINE** | April 16, 2024  
| WEBINAR ORGANIZED BY CCI FRANÇAISE AU CANADA

## CONFERENCES - CONTINUED

<b>IMPACT OF WADA PRIVACY STANDARDS ON AWARD WRITING AND JURISPRUDENCE   CAS/SDRCC</b>	February 1, 2024
<b>CAS JURISPRUDENCE IN DISCIPLINARY MATTERS   CAS/SDRCC</b>	January 31, 2024
<b>THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT AND HUMAN RIGHTS   JOINT CONFERENCE OF THE CANADIAN, FRENCH AND SWISS BRANCHES OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION</b>	February 22, 2022
<b>IMMIGRATION AND COVID-19: LAWYERS ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS   WEBINAR GIVEN BY PATRICE BRUNET AND OTHERS.</b>	April 23, 2020
<b>ASSESSING COSTS IN DOPING DECISIONS   SRDCC, MONTREAL   PATRICE BRUNET AND LUISI RITACCA.</b>	January 31, 2020
<b>CAUSES DE DIFFÉRENDS ET STRATÉGIES DE PRÉVENTION   SDRCC, MONTREAL   PATRICE BRUNET AND ELINI SIGANOS.</b>	January 29, 2020
<b>SPORTS ARBITRATION INDIVIDUAL JUSTICE V. INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY   SDRCC.</b>	November 2018
<b>REVIEW OF RECENT SDRCC AND INTERNATIONAL JURISPRUDENCE   SDRCC, WINNIPEG   PATRICE BRUNET AND CHARMAINE PANKO</b>	November 2, 2018
<b>LA MÉDIATION ET L'ARBITRAGE DANS LE SPORT, UN SURVOL EN PÉRIODE OLYMPIQUE   IMAQ.</b>	February 2018
<b>LE JUGE ET LA LEX SPORTIVA : QUEL EST LE COMPORTEMENT DU JUGE ARBITRAL, DU JUGE NATIONAL ET DU JUGE EUROPÉEN FACE AUX NORMES SPORTIVES TRANSNATIONALES, INTERNATIONAL SPORTS ARBITRATION   MONTREAL   FRANCK LATTY AND PATRICE BRUNET.</b>	June 4, 2015
<b>ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLES OF GOOD GOVERNANCE   TAEKWONDO CANADA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.</b>	April 11, 2015
<b>VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS AT THE SERVICE OF CANADIAN ATHLETES   SDRCC, OTTAWA.</b>	November 20, 2014

## CONFERENCES - CONTINUED

<b>LES PERMIS DE TRAVAIL AU CANADA : COMMENT ASSISTER NOS CLIENTS DANS UN CONTEXTE DE CHANGEMENT CONSTANT</b>   IMEDA, MONTREAL	October 16, 2014
<b>GOVERNANCE RETREAT</b>   BOARD OF DIRECTORS KARATE CANADA.	August 15, 2010

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

<b>LE REGROUPEMENT FAMILIAL NE DEVRAIT PAS ÊTRE VU COMME UN FARDEAU</b> Reactions on Qub radio to my opinion piece published by La Presse on March 6, 2024: "But what are you afraid of, Madame Fréchette?"	March 7, 2024
<b>MAIS DE QUOI AVEZ-VOUS PEUR, MADAME FRÉCHETTE ?</b> Opinion piece published in La Presse denouncing that the government's position seems to go against the principles of autonomy and individual freedom, as the choice of a spouse fundamentally falls under personal autonomy.	March 6, 2024
<b>UN « CARTEL » ENTRE LA LNH ET LES LIGUES CANADIENNES DE HOCKEY JUNIOR ?</b> Comments on 98.5 regarding the class action lawsuit filed in the United States against the Canadian junior hockey leagues and the National Hockey League (NHL) in federal court on Wednesday, February 14, 2024.	February 15, 2024
<b>LES CINQ JOUEURS D'ÉQUIPE CANADA JUNIOR 2018 ONT COMPARU HIER</b> Appearance on 106.9 Mauricie to answer listeners' questions.	February 6, 2024
<b>LA POLICE DE LONDON OFFRE SES EXCUSES À LA VICTIME ALLÉGUÉE</b> Comments on Radio Canada regarding the apology offered by the London police to the alleged victim.	February 5, 2024
<b>SCANDALE D'ÉQUIPE CANADA JUNIOR: TROIS AUTRES JOUEURS POURRAIENT S'AJOUTER ?</b> Explanations on FM93 about what comes next for the five co-accused players in the 2018 Team Canada Junior sexual scandal case.	February 5, 2024

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES - CONTINUED**

<b>TOUT CE QUE VOUS DEVEZ COMPRENDRE DU DOSSIER ÉQUIPE CANADA JUNIOR DE 2018</b> Update on BPM Sports about the 2018 Team Canada Junior case.	January 24, 2024
<b>IMMIGRANT FAMILIES WAIT LONGER TO BE REUNITED IN QUEBEC THAN THE REST OF CANADA</b> Comments on the waiting time for Family Reunification in Quebec on CTV News.	July 8, 2023
<b>DONNER DES DENTS AU CHIEN DE GARDE DU SPORT QUÉBÉCOIS</b> Comments on Radio Canada about the Complaints Officer, responsible for handling complaints regarding sports associations and clubs in Quebec.	April 3, 2023
<b>UN YOUTUBEUR SÈME LE CHAOS</b> Article published in La Presse about the possibilities of immigrating to Canada by volunteering at the National Bank Open.	February 28, 2023
<b>DES CHAMPIONS DU DROIT DE L'IMMIGRATION</b> Presentation of the attorneys of patrice.brunet.avocats., that combine work in immigration law and a passion for sports, published in Droit inc.	January 12, 2023
<b>UN SPECTACLE EXCITANT AU GRAND QUAI DU VIEUX-PORT</b> Podium Productions, chaired by Patrice Brunet, hosts the first-ever Sprint and Relay Triathlon World Championships in Montreal, as published in La Presse.	June 8, 2022
<b>LA RUSSIE CONTESTE SON EXCLUSION DU SPORT : QUELS SONT LES ENJEUX JURIDIQUES?</b> Comments on Radio Canada regarding the exclusion of Russia by FIFA, UEFA, the World Athletics Championships, and the Paralympic Games.	March 9, 2022
<b>KAMILA VALIEVA : LUMIÈRE SUR UN DOSSIER COMPLEXE</b> Interview on RDS about Valieva, the Russian skater at the center of a doping scandal.	February 16, 2022
<b>UN AVOCAT AUX JEUX OLYMPIQUES</b> Droit inc. mentions my presence at the Tokyo Olympic Games.	July 20, 2021
<b>ON COURT MONTRÉAL VA DE L'AVANT. PATRICE BRUNET, PRÉSIDENT DE PRODUCTIONS PODIUM.</b> Interview on 98.5 about the sporting events I organize, including On Court Montréal, during COVID-19.	June 13, 2021

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES - CONTINUED**

- EXTRAIT DE ME PATRICE BRUNET - AJLNH** | June 3, 2021  
Interview with Radio-Canada about the role and position of the NHL Players' Association in controlling violence in hockey.
- EXTRAIT PATRICE BRUNET - ACCUSATIONS CRIMINELLES CONTRE MARK SCHEIFELE** | June 3, 2021  
Comments on Radio Canada about the Complaints Officer, responsible for handling complaints regarding sports associations and clubs in Quebec.
- LES LIMITES DE LA LOI POUR UN GESTE PENDANT UN MATCH** | June 3, 2021  
Interview on Radio Canada about the slim chances of legal or civil actions being initiated against Mark Scheifele, the Winnipeg Jets, and the NHL.
- COVID-19 : LES DÉFIS D'ORGANISER LE TRIATHLON MONDIAL DE MONTRÉAL EN 5 QUESTIONS** | April 4, 2021  
On Radio Canada, "Sports event organizers are holding their breath with the arrival of a third wave of COVID-19 in Quebec. This is the case for Patrice Brunet, president of TriCon Events, who is leading the World Triathlon Montreal."
- HALF-MARATHON IN MONTREAL GOES AHEAD, WITH COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES IN PLACE** | August 22, 2020  
Interview on CBC about organizing a half marathon in Montreal while managing COVID measures.
- LE CIO VA-T-IL REVOIR SA POSITION SUR LES MANIFESTATIONS?** | June 15, 2020  
Comments on sporting events as a former lawyer for the Canadian Olympic team, on Radio Canada.
- LA RUSSIE JOUE SON AVENIR SPORTIF : LE REGARD DE DEUX EXPERTS** | November 3, 2020  
On Radio Canada, comments as an arbitrator for the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) on the trial between the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and the Russian Olympic Committee, which is accused of cheating in major sporting competitions.
- PATRICE BRUNET, L'HOMME DES GRANDES OCCASIONS !** | December 15, 2019  
Triathlon Mondial Groupe Copley and TriCon Events (now Podium Productions), with Patrice Brunet as CEO, will host the first-ever Sprint and Team Triathlon World Championships in 2022, published on RDS.



## **MEDIA APPEARANCES - CONTINUED**

**LE VIEUX-PORT, BELLE CARTE DE VISITE POUR LE TRIATHLON INTERNATIONAL DE MONTRÉAL (REPORTAGE)** | July 30, 2019

Patrice Brunet organized the World Triathlon Series in Montreal, where the world's best triathletes competed in Montreal, published on Radio Canada.

**DÉPASSER LE PELOTON DES BEDONNANTS** | September 30, 2010

« An expert in immigration law, Patrice Brunet is also a triathlon enthusiast who has represented Canadian athletes at the Olympic Games. », published on Droit inc.

**UN QUÉBÉCOIS ENTENDRA LANDIS** | February 14, 2007

“Mr. Patrice Brunet Chaired the arbitrators' committee of the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) that will hear the Landis case.”, published on Radio Canada.