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Education and Associations

- Law Society of Ontario — 2006
- New York Bar — 2009
- Quebec Bar — 2010
- LL.B., McGill University, 2005
- B.C.L., McGill University, 2005
- B.A. (Hons) in Political Science and French (Gold Medalist), Western University, 2001
- Canadian Bar Association
- The Advocates' Society

Audrey represents clients in complex disputes at all levels of court. She has a broad commercial and public law practice, including constitutional and human rights law and a range of administrative and regulatory matters. She also regularly advises on matters relating to private international law, including jurisdiction, state immunity, recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards and the taking of evidence abroad.

In 2018, the Supreme Court of Canada appointed Audrey as *amicus curiae* in *Bell, NFL and Vavilov*, a landmark set of three administrative law appeals that reshaped the standard of review in Canadian administrative law. In 2019, Audrey was lead counsel to Instrubel, N.V. before the Supreme Court of Canada in a major private international law appeal. She succeeded in having the appeal dismissed from the bench.

Areas of Expertise

- Administrative law
- Appellate advocacy
- Arbitration and mediation
- Civil and commercial litigation
- Constitutional law
- Employment law

Audrey was the 2018-2019 President of the Canadian Bar Association, Quebec Division. A former law clerk to Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin, P.C., she previously practiced in the financial products and markets group at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP in New York and taught at Columbia Law School.

Clerkship

- Law Clerk to the Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin, P.C., Chief Justice of Canada, at the Supreme Court of Canada, 2005-2006

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Industry Recognition

- 2022 Best Lawyers: Lawyer of the Year Administrative and Public Law
- 2022 Best Lawyers: Corporate and Commercial Litigation
- 2021 Canadian Bar Association SOGIC Ally Award
- 2021 Benchmark Litigation: Top 50 Women in Litigation in Canada
- Top 25 Most Influential Lawyers in Canada 2020 by Canadian Lawyer Magazine
- Canadian Law Awards "Woman of the Year" 2020
- 2022, 2021, 2020 Chambers and Partners: Administrative and Public Law
- 2021, 2020 LEXPERT: Consistently recommended: Litigation - Regulatory & Public Law
- 2021, 2020 Best Lawyers: Administrative and Public Law
- 2020 Benchmark Litigation: Top 50 Women in Litigation, Litigation Star and 40 & Under Hot List
- Refer to Her (Class Actions and Public Law)
- 2019 LEXPERT: Consistently recommended: Litigation - Public Law
- Who's Who Legal: Future Leaders - Partners, 2018 and 2019
- Phénicia Award 2018 (Quebec LGBT Chamber of Commerce)
- 2017 LEXPERT Rising Star: Leading Canadian Lawyers Under 40
- 2017 LEXPERT Zenith Award Celebrating Women in Law

Languages

- English
- French

Professional Activities

Canadian Bar Association, Quebec Division, Equality Committee, President (2019 - present)

Canadian Bar Association, Quebec Division, President (2018-2019), Vice-President (2017-2018)

Canadian Bar Association, National Administrative Law Section, Chair (2017-2018), Vice-Chair (2016-2017), Treasurer (2015-2016), Secretary (2014-2015)

Canadian Bar Association, Quebec Administrative Law Section, Chair (2011-2014)

Canadian Civil Liberties Association, Member of the Board of Directors and Pro Bono counsel (since 2014)

Supreme Court of Canada Advocacy Institute, Advisor (2013 - present) and Sessions Coordinator (2016-2019)

Tyndale Community Center, Member of the Board of Directors and Legal Clinic volunteer (2013-2017)

Teaching

Sessional Lecturer, Judicial Institutions and Civil Procedure, McGill University (2017-2018)

Sessional Lecturer, Common Law Civil Procedure, University of Montreal (2013, 2014, 2015)

Professional Training

Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, STAR: A Systematic Approach to Mediation Strategies (Pepperdine School of Law, June 2016)

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Speaking Engagements

Remote Appellate Advocacy: Best Practices for Virtual Appearances : Canadian Bar Association Skilled Lawyer Series (April 20, 2021)

La mention du sexe à l'État civil: révolution?: Salon VISEZ DROIT 2021 du Barreau de Montréal (March 29, 2021)

Keynote Address: University of Toronto Women's Association Law Government & Public Policy Forum (March 8, 2021)

The Vavilov Impact: One Year Later : Canadian Bar Association (February 24, 2021)

The Year in Review: Key Cases from the Past Year : The Advocates' Society Spring Symposium (May 7, 2020)

Making Your Mark: How to Build Your Reputation: The Advocates' Society Symposium for Women in Litigation, November 14, 2019 (Montréal)

Supreme Court's View on Standard of Review: CBA National Administrative Law, Labour and Employment Law Conference, November 8, 2019 (Ottawa)

The Rights of Trans, Non-binary and Intersex People in Quebec: CBA-Québec and SOQUIJ: Emerging Legal Issues Conference, October 31, 2019 (Montréal)

Contractual Disputes and Judicial Review: Canadian Institute Advanced Administrative Law and Practice, October 30, 2019 (Ottawa)

Administrative Law Update Plenary Session, Canadian Council of Administrative Tribunals 35th Annual Symposium, May 27, 2019 (Montréal)

Who's Sorry Now? The Lavender Scare and its Aftermath: A Case Study of the LGBT Purge Canadian Class Action, American Bar Association Section of International Law Annual Conference, April 12, 2019 (Washington, D.C.)

The 6-Minute Administrative Lawyer, Law Society of Ontario, March 5, 2019 (Toronto)

Colloque sur la responsabilité du juriste, Quebec Court of Appeal, Le mandat de l'avocat, October 12, 2018 (Montréal)

Co-Chair, The Advocates' Society Symposium for Women in Litigation, May 31, 2018 (Montreal)

Rights and Status of Transgender, Intersex and Non-binary Individuals in Quebec, Annual Conference of Young Bar of Montreal, May 10, 2018 (Montréal)

Co-Chair, CBA National Administrative, Labour and Employment Law Conference, November 17-18, 2017 (Ottawa)

Standard of Review: Where Are We Now?, Canadian Bar Association National Administrative Law and Nova Scotia Branch Spring Event, June 16, 2017 (Halifax)

Lightning Round: Update on Privilege, The Advocates' Society Fall Convention, November 11, 2016 (Sonoma)

L'indépendance des tribunaux administratifs, Déjeuner causerie, Quelques aspects du statut juridique des juges et des décideurs administratifs, Canadian Bar Association – Quebec Branch, February 18, 2014 (Montreal)