

## François Painchaud Biography

**Lawyer, Partner, Robic LLP**



François Painchaud specializes in business law applied to key technology sectors. He is frequently involved in the drafting and negotiation of complex transactions related to technology transfers and joint ventures and in commercial and corporate law, including venture capital and mergers and acquisitions.

He was named Lawyer of the Year 2014 - Information Technology in Montréal by Best Lawyers. He was also named Technology Transfert Lawyer of the Year in Canada by Corporate Intl Magazine Global Awards.

François Painchaud's clients are important all-sized businesses, both Canadian and foreign, in various fields, including:

- Life Sciences (pharmaceutical/biotechnology)
- Information Technology (IT)
- Venture Capital
- Chemistry and other industrial technologies

Called to the Québec Bar in 1986, François Painchaud has been a partner at ROBIC for more than 25 years. He is a member of the firm's management committee and heads the Business Law group.

He is Past-President of Licensing Executives Society (U.S.A. & Canada), Inc. and was a member of the board of directors from 2001 to 2010. Since 2011, has been counsel, then corporate secretary to the board of directors and a member of the board of directors of Licensing Executives Society International (LESI). He was a member of the board of directors and treasurer of Certified Licensing Professionals, Inc until 2013. He is also director and general secretary for the Canadian Louis Pasteur Foundation.

François Painchaud is a member of the Canadian Bar Association (CBA) and was part of the executive committee of the Business Law Section (Québec Branch) and Past-President of the executive committee for the Information, Telecommunications and Intellectual Property Section of the Quebec Branch.

He serves on the board of directors or as corporate secretary of various private and public companies operating in life sciences and other technology driven fields. He is also a member of several business associations.

Academically, he was a lecturer at McGill University for four years for the course entitled Complex Legal Transactions - Trade Secrets Law and Technology Transfers and lecturer in courses on business law at Concordia University's MBA program. He has also been involved for several years as part of a licensing course on Trademark Law, jointly organized by the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC) and McGill University.

François Painchaud is frequently solicited to give lectures in various areas of technology transfers and intellectual property in commercial transactions for several business groups and associations.

He also contributed to the annual update of the book Robic-Leger, Canadian Trade Marks Act Annotated and the drafting of Robic-Leger, Canadian Copyright Act Annotated, both published by Carswell. He regularly publishes articles in his fields of specialization.