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Professional profile

A member of the Quebec Bar since 1989, Dr. Pierre Gilles Bélanger is recognized for his expertise in international human rights law, criminal law, constitutional law and inter-American law. He combines a career as a committed jurist and university professor focused on the training of judicial actors and the promotion of justice in the Americas.

Professional Experience

University of Ottawa – Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Civil Law (2021–2026 and 2026–2030)

- Coordinator of the Summer School: Legal-Political Orders in Latin America and their Relations with Canada.
- Co-creator of the www.justiceamericas.org platform , bringing together researchers and judicial institutions across the hemisphere. (SSHRC Grant **Main Researcher**)
- Coordinator-trainer of judges in Latin America.

Department of Justice Canada (1990–2024)

- Senior Counsel in the Public Law and Criminal Policy Section.
- Coordinator of inter-American projects (OAS, CEJA, Mexico, Colombia, Haiti).
- Specialist in Extradition, Mutual Legal Assistance and Judicial Training.

Center for Justice Studies of the Americas (Santiago, Chile) – Seconded Lawyer (2008)

- Advisor on judicial reforms in the Americas.

Academic

- Ph.D. in Law, University of Ottawa (2021) – Thesis: The Abridged Procedure in Chile: A Bourdieusian Analysis of the Legitimacy of Judicial Reforms.
- Master of Social Sciences, University of Ottawa (1987)
- LL.L., University of Ottawa (1989).
- Diploma in Penal Procedural Reform, INACIPE, Mexico (2010).
- Mexican Training Certificate in Penal Process (2011).

Areas of expertise

- Comparative Criminal Law and Judicial Reforms in Latin America.
- International human rights law.
- Access to justice for vulnerable groups.
- Inter-American Dialogue and Training on Judicial Independence.
- Transnational education and comparative law.

Selected Recent Publications

- BÉLANGER, Pierre Gilles, "**Criminal defamatory libel – a long history where the state... of law interferes in the field of the private**" (2024) 54 HS RGD 55-97.
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- BÉLANGER, Pierre Gilles, El Procedimiento abreviado en el contexto de la reforma legal penal chilena. Un análisis de la legitimidad Bourdieusiana a través de sus actores jurídicos, capítulo 2 in «**Justicia y legitimidad en América. Espacios judiciales para grupos vulnerables de especial protección**», April 2023.
- BÉLANGER, Pierre Gilles, "**Chile and the Balance of Power**," La Presse, January 27, 2023.
- BÉLANGER, Pierre Gilles, and Bernard Duhaime, Nelson Ovalle, Pierre Foucher, "**La constitución canadiense y sus desafíos**", in Observaciones sobre las constituciones del mundo por la chilena, Ed. Tirant Le Blanch, Konrad Adenauer Foundation/Universidad de Chile, Oct. 2021.

Academic and Community Activities

- Visiting Professor (University of Chile, Universidad Central, Monterrey, Bogotá).
- SSHRC Grant Evaluator (2023–2025).
- Editor of "Juriste International" for Canada.
- Research Associate at the Centre for Research and Education on Human Rights, UOttawa.

Languages

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