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Louise-Hélène graduated from the Faculty of Law of the Université de Montréal in 1981, where she obtained an L.L.L in Civil Law. She was admitted to the Bar of Quebec in 1982 and began her career in private practice. In 1989, she joined the legal department of Air Canada, where she is presently Vice-President & General Counsel-Litigation, responsible for litigation, insured or not, against Air Canada, worldwide where she and her team argue cases before the various levels of Court in Canada, the Supreme Court of Canada. She is a key member of the Emergency Response Team and provides legal services for all aspects of security in the airline. She also oversees the Global Claims department. In May of 1999, she was part of the Canadian Delegation to the ICAO Diplomatic Conference, which resulted in the adoption of the new *Montreal Convention* (MC99). She was part of the Canadian Delegation to the ICAO Diplomatic Conference in Montreal, held in April of 2009 and which led to the adoption of the two successor conventions to the *Rome Convention* (the “*Unlawful Interference Convention*” and the “*General Risk Convention*”). She has been a member of the IATA Legal Advisory Council (formerly the Legal Committee) since 2009 and was its Chair from 2015 to 2022. In 2014, she successfully argued before the Supreme Court of Canada, a landmark case on the exclusivity provisions of MC99. In her career, she has participated in hundreds of mediations stemming from individual customer to complex hundreds of million-dollars issues. She is a member of the Advisory Board of the Hague Court for Arbitration in Aviation.