



New CEO for the Canadian Centre for Court Technology- Centre canadien de technologie judiciaire - March 31, 2011

The Board of Directors of the Canadian Centre for Court Technology - Centre canadien de technologie judiciaire (CCCT-CCTJ) today announced the appointment of Patrick Cormier as Chief Executive Officer.

The Co-Chairs of the Board, Ray Bodnarek, Deputy Attorney General of Alberta and Justice Frances Kiteley, Ontario Superior Court of Justice indicated that the members of the Board are delighted that Patrick had agreed to take on the responsibilities of CEO.

The Mandate for the CCCT is:

- to provide leadership, and act as a catalyst to bring together stakeholders in order to create an atmosphere favourable to technological innovation and excellence in our court systems so as to enhance access to justice;
- to support the preparation and promotion of guidelines and best practices needed to achieve interoperability among the various justice information systems;
- to provide the tools and activities needed to exchange information and share knowledge about successful and unsuccessful experiments in fields of justice technology, pertinent to the Canadian context;
- to play an active role in identifying and promoting best practices in relation to court technology and technology-related policies.

Patrick Cormier is a social media, technology and information management expert and president of *Government 2.0 Think Tank Inc.* His firm provides advice to government Departments and Agencies on how to best advance their information management and web 2.0 agenda. Prior to founding *Government 2.0 Think Tank Inc.*, Mr. Cormier was a military lawyer from the Office of the Judge-Advocate General of the Canadian Forces. He regularly provides social media legal issues sessions to judges across the country under the auspices of the National Judicial Institute. Patrick is familiar with the CCCT-CCTJ as a result of his work as Intelleader for the Court Websites Intellaction Working Group which is tasked with preparing vendor-neutral guidelines to promote the modernization of Canadian court web sites.

A bilingual Quebec Bar Member, Patrick graduated from McGill University (common law and civil law programs) and from *Collège militaire royal de Saint-Jean* in 1992 (B.Sc.).

Initially Patrick will serve on a part-time basis while he continues to operate his firm, *Government 2.0 Think Tank Inc.*

With the resounding success of the inaugural Forum on Court Technology in September 2010, the Board is looking to Patrick to further establish CCCT-CCTJ's presence as the leader in court technology in Canada.

More information on the Canadian Centre for Court Technology - Centre canadien de technologie judiciaire can be found at: www.ccct-cctj.ca

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