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The LEXWORK NORTH AMERICA newsletter is produced every month except July and August, and each issue features one Lexwork member firm on a rotating basis. We hope this newsletter will provide our members with the opportunity to learn more about each other and will promote practice group participation across the continent.

### About De Grandpré Chait LLP

Founded in 1928, in Montréal, Canada, De Grandpré Chait is known as a leader in Real Estate Law and a recognized force in Litigation and Business Law.

In business, our philosophy parallels that of our clients - a simple and direct approach. Our business law clientèle is composed of large companies, small and medium-sized firms specializing in all areas of economic activity, as well as various financial institutions. Our firm's multilingual team is familiar with both civil law and common law legal systems. We offer services in areas such as: commercial and corporate law, corporate financing, intellectual property, taxation, and securities.

With more than 30 out of 70 lawyers specializing in Real Estate Law, De Grandpré Chait is a leader in this field in Canada. It is rare that we do not act for one of the participants in important real estate transactions. De Grandpré Chait is one of the few firms in Canada which offers our clients a comprehensive awareness of all aspects of Real Estate Law.

Our firm also occupies a place of honor in Construction Law, having one of the largest legal departments in Canada dedicated to all aspects of construction, infrastructure and development and numerous leading lawyers of international and national renown. Their skills have also been recognized by the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers which has awarded many of them the title of Fellow.

We offer litigation support for all practice sectors of our firm. From year to year, lawyers from De Grandpré Chait are listed in LEXPERT and other law directories as litigants regularly recommended by their peers in areas such as Insurance, Insolvency and Construction.

Our lawyers in the Insurance Law Group count many generations of excellence and experience serving insurers. This tradition enables them to resolve extremely complex insurance matters, many of which relate to Real Estate Law, Construction Law and Business Law.

### Recent Honors Bestowed to our partners

**Marc J. Rubin** and **David H. Kauffman** are named in the **International Who's Who of Business Lawyers** and **Best Lawyers in Canada**.

Marc is in charge of our Real Estate Law Group. He is a recognized leader in the area of real estate financing, acquisitions and development, representing institutional, public and private clients in real estate matters.

David is a member of our Construction Law Group. His practice involves all facets of infrastructure, development and construction.

**Fredric L. Carsley**, a member of our Real Estate Group, has received the 2006 Trustees Distinguished Service Award from the **International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC)** in Las Vegas, Nevada.. It is the highest honour bestowed by the retail real estate industry.

**Martin Castonguay** is identified as a leading expert in the **International Who's Who of Aviation Lawyers 2006**: Martin has recently been appointed by the insurers to risks associated with federal regional airports in Canada.

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Lexwork Annual Meeting

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October 12-13, 2006

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