



---

**The Barreau de Montréal continues its efforts to make people aware of the illegal practice of immigration law and releases a series of video clips about fake lawyers**

---

**Montreal, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024** – The Barreau de Montréal is releasing a series of video clips today highlighting compelling stories by victims of fake lawyers and various individuals working with people in vulnerable situations. This initiative is part of its ongoing campaign to raise awareness about the illegal practice of immigration law, initially launched last February.

“Fake immigration lawyers are wreaking havoc in many ways. Unfortunately, we see the consequences of their scams every day and there are no signs of them going away”, said Mtre. Caroline Larouche, Bâtonnière de Montréal. “It is therefore essential that we continue our efforts to make people aware of fake lawyers and that is why we are launching this new initiative today.”

Available in five languages (French, English, Spanish, Creole and Arabic), the video clips present the stories of courageous victims and provide advice by immigration lawyers and others directly involved with victims to prevent people from falling into the trap of fake lawyers. Through this new tool, the Barreau de Montréal hopes that individuals who can relate to the stories will become aware of the serious consequences these scams can have and react proactively to protect themselves.

“I believe that we can protect ourselves by being more informed. That is the main goal of this campaign: to make the public aware of the illegal practice of immigration law and give people tools to help put a stop to it, thus protecting those who need help with immigration”, Mtre. Larouche added.

The series of video clips is in addition to the several tools set up by the Barreau de Montréal when it launched the awareness campaign. Documents about prevention, information about available resources and complaint forms are available free of charge in a few clicks on the following website for citizens and for organizations wishing to promote the campaign: [www.fauxavocat.ca](http://www.fauxavocat.ca).

**About the Barreau de Montréal**

Founded in 1849, the Barreau de Montréal has over 17,000 members. Its mission is to protect the public and support its members in their legal practice. More information is available at [www.barreaudemontreal.qc.ca](http://www.barreaudemontreal.qc.ca).

– 30 –

**SOURCE:**

Alexandra Thompson  
Head of Communications and Marketing  
Barreau de Montréal  
514 866-4481 | [athompson@barreaudemontreal.qc.ca](mailto:athompson@barreaudemontreal.qc.ca)