

Wednesday, September 7th, 2017

Ms. Lora L. Manon, Secretary  
803 S. Beech Street, Bryan, OH 43506

**Subject: Biographical sketch of Denis Gallant – 2017 AIG Board of Directors Elections**

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Dear Ms. Manon,

I hereby would like to nominate myself, Denis Gallant, as a candidate for election to the Board of Directors of the Association of Inspectors General.

In February of 2014, I was appointed Inspector General of the City of Montréal. Before taking on that great role, I served as Deputy chief counsel for Québec's public inquiry commission on the awarding and management of public contracts in the construction industry. Among other things, this commission exposed the existence, within the City of Montréal, of a system of collusion involving the sharing of municipal contracts, the corruption of city employees and the funding of political parties, as well as significant deficiencies with respect to ethics and integrity. It was that commission that led to the creation of an Inspector General position in Montréal.

Prior to working at this public inquiry commission, I was a prosecutor for 10 years. Specialized in the criminal prosecution of narcotics-related offences and organized crime, I was assigned to an office of Québec's Justice Department dedicated to fighting organized crime. I later joined the Public Prosecution Service of Canada, where I served as a federal prosecutor and a team leader. In the beginning of my career, I also practiced 10 years in civil, family, administrative and criminal law for Montréal's Legal Aid, an organization delivering legal services to the most needy in our society.

Throughout my career, I was dedicated to serving public organizations but I also deeply cared about the future of the profession. From 1998 to 2011, I taught classes in the field of criminal law in 3 different universities and at the Québec Bar School, where I was also in charge of reviewing teaching materials. For 12 years, I also coached undergraduate students in mooted competitions.

In 2011, I was conferred the honorary distinction of *Advocatus Emeritus* by the Québec Bar in recognition of my professional achievements and my contribution to the development of the profession.

When I was appointed Inspector General of the City of Montréal, I was the first one to hold this position in the province of Québec and in Canada. The task and pressure were tremendous to create an office that would rapidly conduct investigations and be efficient. In times when I needed support, the AIG was always there for me and I can talk about how valuable were the tools and advices the AIG offered me. During my mandate, it has always been important to me to promote the concept of Inspector General and the importance of such position to other cities and agencies across Québec. Among other things, in September of 2016, I organized a symposium in collaboration with the AIG, focused on advocating the benefits and the added value Inspectors General have. Mayors, auditors general from all over the province and Canada, as well as multiple representatives from the municipal, government, public and academic sectors attended this symposium.


When fighting against what we fight for, it is essential to feel the support of the community. I have witnessed firsthand the warm hospitality and the openness of the Inspectors General community. As the head of a new organization, I had the privilege to benefit from the experience of several Inspectors General in office across the United-States. I believe in the great work performed by the AIG. This is why I would like to get involved in the AIG and what better way to do so than to work for the Inspectors General community and to serve on the AIG's Board of Directors!

Sincerely,



Denis Gallant, Inspector General of the City of Montréal

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