

# Notice of appointment



**Mr. L. Yves Fortier**

On February 16th of this year, the Government of Québec approved the appointment of Mr. L. Yves Fortier to the position of special negotiator within the context of Québec's comprehensive territorial negotiations with the Innu communities of Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean and the North Shore, as well as with the federal government. He will be assisted by Mr. Jean G. Bertrand.

Mr. Fortier, Senior Partner and Co-chairman of the law firm of Ogilvy Renault, served as Canada's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York. He was counsel to many royal commissions and commissions of inquiry in Canada, as well as negotiator for the Government of Québec with the Cree Nation. During his brilliant career, Mr. Fortier has pleaded important cases before Canadian and foreign arbitration tribunals. He was a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague and has represented Canada in various boundary disputes with the United States and France. He has also dealt with the fisheries question in negotiations with both these countries in his capacity as Canada's chief negotiator. Serving mainly as an arbitrator in various international disputes, he is currently considered the world leader in this field.



**Mr. Jean G. Bertrand**

For his part, Mr. Bertrand, Partner and National Chair of the Litigation Group with Ogilvy Renault, has negotiated, on behalf of the governments of Québec and Canada, territorial agreements with the Mohawks of Kanesatake as well as certain provisions of the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement with the Crees. He has also pleaded before most of the courts and regulatory bodies of Canada, including the Supreme Court. On a number of occasions, he has been called upon to make representations before various parliamentary commissions and government bodies within the context of the adoption of new laws or proposed changes to government policies.

Mr. Fortier is beginning his new mandate with the conviction that an agreement can be reached in this matter. Given his great competence and the support of the populations concerned, the next step will certainly be the signing of a treaty that is satisfactory for everyone.