

## **MIA MANOCCHIO – SHORT BIO**

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I am originally from Montreal, Quebec, but I spent a big part of my legal career in the city of Sherbrooke. The University of Sherbrooke is my alma mater, it is where I graduated in 2003. I loved the region so much that I decided to develop my legal practice in that area for more than 10 years. My legal practise expanded to practically all the regions in Quebec. I defended several people accused in different courts: Municipal Court, Provincial Court, Superior Court and Court of Appeal.

I practised criminal law for the first time in Iqaluit in 2008, and I have been a member of the Law Society of Nunavut since 2012. I have moved to Iqaluit in October 2019 to join the Legal Aid Office.

Before moving up North, I used to teach at the École du Barreau du Québec twice a year for the criminal section. I am also a member of the AQAAD, an association representing over 500 criminal defense lawyers in Quebec, and I was also the president of l'AQAAD from 2015 to 2019.

I think it is very important for the public to be aware of what is happening in our courthouses across Canada. This brought me to also be a legal commentator for nearly 5 consecutive years on many television and radio networks throughout Quebec.

I would be honoured to be part of the Executive Committee of the Law Society of Nunavut.

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