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Firm Profile

Since 1921, RSS and its versatile team of skilled lawyers have practiced law with a rare passion. We are a full service law firm dedicated to professional excellence, personal and high quality support and effective solution-oriented advocacy. Our attorneys are held in high esteem throughout Canada. RSS has obtained professional memberships that clients of the law firm of Robinson Sheppard Shapiro benefit from.

Each of our practice groups has the same approach: simple, direct and uncompromising pursuit of solutions and results for our clients. Our client's success is ultimately our own. Our staff has years of experience in all aspects of the Canadian Immigration process, beginning with the assessing of an individual, the processing of an application and the finalization of a successful case with little effort on behalf of the client.

Nowhere is this truer than in our Immigration Law practice group. Staffed by experienced and specialized attorneys, assisted by our affiliated offices in more than sixty

countries, RSS has mastered the veritable maze of administrative procedures which governs the movement of business and independent persons to and from Canada.

No other Canadian law firm is able to offer to its clients the full range of Immigration Law services offered by RSS. Why put your fate in the hands of a small boutique firm when you can have the full RSS team behind your efforts to come to Canada?

To ensure the future success of your business, your employees, your family or yourself, allow RSS to assist you in reaching across international borders. In today's world, the movement of business and independent persons to and from Canada requires a wide range of legal services and advice from attorneys who specialize in Immigration Law. RSS offers to its clients a full range of these services, including Tax Law, Business Law, Employment Law and Family Law.

For a complete description of the wide range of legal services offered by RSS, visit our web site: www.rsslex.com





RSS WILL CELEBRATE ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY

With the arrival of 2011, Robinson Sheppard Shapiro will celebrate its 90th Anniversary. Realizing that the success of its clients leads ultimately to its own success, RSS will dedicate its 90th Anniversary year to its loyal clients. Since 1921 several hundred lawyers and many more staff members have exercised their skills and talents on behalf of thousands of businesses and persons in need of legal counsel.

RSS remains a mid-sized, full service law firm dedicated to professional excellence, personal and high quality service and effective, solution-oriented advocacy. Our attorneys possess a broad range of legal expertise and are

committed to providing experienced, versatile and practical legal counsel. Our approach is simple, direct and uncompromising. We are tenacious in the pursuit of our clients' interests and focus on providing the best possible service in a quick, efficient and cost-effective manner.

Meeting our clients' legal and business needs will continue to be our greatest priority. We are highly attentive and committed to providing a common sense,

skilled approach to problem solving. To that end, we do not merely respond – we anticipate; we are not passive but proactive.

Our strong foothold in the business community since the firm's inception in 1921, the high esteem in which our attorneys are held, our intense dedication to our goals and the strategic alliances we have forged with professional firms around the globe allow us to ensure that our clients achieve their objectives.

Now, more than ever before, globalization is an everyday reality. Trade and other barriers have fallen and investment capital moves quickly around the globe. This new phenomenon has accentuated the movement of persons, as much for personal as for economic and social reasons.

RSS, through its experienced and specialized attorneys and its affiliated offices in more than sixty countries on six continents, provides counsel and representation to businesses and individuals, regardless of country of origin, wishing to establish themselves in Canada. The full service RSS team is always an important ally in assisting clients to attain their goals and fulfill their aspirations, as much before as after entry into Canada.

- Charles E. Flam, B.A., B.C.L., Managing Partner & CEO, Attorney at Law.







MEMBERSHIPS AND CREDENTIALS

The following is a list of some of the professional memberships and memberships that clients of the law firm of Robinson Sheppard Shapiro benefit from:

 <p>Canadian Bar Association www.cba.org</p>	<p>The Canadian Bar Association is a professional, voluntary organization which was formed in 1896, and incorporated by a Special Act of Parliament on April 15, 1921. Today, the Association represents some 38,000 lawyers, judges, notaries, law teachers, and law students from across Canada. Approximately two-thirds of all practicing lawyers in Canada belong to the CBA.</p> <p>The mandate of the Canadian Bar Association is to: Improve the administration of justice; Improve and promote the knowledge, skills, ethical standards and well-being of members of the legal profession; Represent the legal profession on a national and international level; Promote the interests of the members of the CBA; and Promote equality in the profession.</p> <p>The Canadian Bar Association (Maison du Barreau) 445 Boulevard Saint-Laurent, Suite 410 Montreal, Quebec, Canada H2Y 3T8 Tel: (514)393-9600 Fax: (514)393-3350</p>
 <p>Quebec BAR Association www.barreau.qc.ca</p>	<p>The Barreau is the provincial counterpart of the Canadian Bar Association, overseeing the practise of law in Quebec.</p> <p>The Quebec Bar Association (Barreau du Québec) Maison du Barreau 445 Boulevard Saint-Laurent Montreal, Quebec, Canada H2Y 3T8 Tel: (514)954-3471 Fax: (514)954-3451</p>
 <p>Law Society of Upper Canada www.lsuc.on.ca</p>	<p>The Law Society of Upper Canada is the self-governing body for lawyers in Ontario. The primary responsibility or mandate of the Law Society is to regulate the legal profession in the public interest according to Ontario law and the Law Society's rules, regulations and guidelines.</p>
 <p>Law Society of Alberta www.lawsocietyalberta.com</p>	<p>The Law Society of Alberta's principal duty is to serve and protect the public interest. It is a self-governing society, deriving authority from the Legal Profession Act of Alberta.</p>

 <p>International Bar Association www.ibanet.org</p>	<p>In its role as a dual membership organization, comprising 16,000 individual lawyers and 190 Bar Associations and Law Societies, the International Bar Association (IBA) influences the development of international law reform and shapes the future of the legal profession. Its Member Organizations cover all continents and include the American Bar Association, the German Federal Bar, the Japan Federation of Bar Associations, the Law Society of Zimbabwe and the Mexican Bar Association.</p>
 <p>International Law Association www.ila-hq.org</p>	<p>The International Law Association was founded in Brussels in 1873. Its objectives, under its Constitution, include the "study, elucidation and advancement of international law, public and private, the study of comparative law, the making of proposals for the solution of conflicts of law and for the unification of law, and the furthering of international understanding and goodwill". The ILA has consultative status, as an international nongovernmental organization, with a number of United Nations specialized agencies.</p> <p>The Association's objectives are pursued primarily through the work of its International Committees; the focal point of its activities is the series of Biennial Conferences. The Conferences, of which 70 have so far been held in different locations throughout the world, the last one being in New Delhi, provide a forum for the comprehensive and endorsement of the work of the Committees.</p>
 <p>American Bar Association www.abanet.org</p>	<p>The American Bar Association is the world's largest voluntary professional association. The ABA has long served a dual role as advocate for the profession and for the public. With the growing complexity of society and our legal system, the ABA's public role has gained both emphasis and breadth.</p> <p>The ABA is the national organization of the legal profession. It is comprised principally of practicing lawyers, judges, court administrators, law teachers, public service lawyers and many non-practicing lawyers including business executives, government officials and law students. The ABA represents geographic interests such as those of state and local bar associations. It represents practitioners in specialized areas of the law. It also represents affiliated law-related organizations and groups with specialized interests or needs such as administrative law judges, lawyers in the armed forces, and minority and women's bar associations.</p>
 <p>American Immigration Lawyers Association www.aila.org</p>	<p>The American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) is the national association of over 8,000 attorneys and law professors who practice and teach immigration law. Founded in 1946, AILA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that provides its Members with continuing legal education, information, professional services, and expertise through its 35 chapters and over 75 national committees. AILA is an Affiliated Organization of the American Bar Association and is represented in the ABA House of Delegates.</p>

 <p>Balancing the Scales of Justice Association of Trial Lawyers of America www.theatla.com</p>	<p>As the world's largest trial bar, ATLA promotes justice and fairness for injured persons, safeguards victims' rights-- particularly the right to trial by jury--and strengthens the civil justice system through education and disclosure of information critical to public health and safety. With more than 56,000 members worldwide, and a network of U.S. and Canadian affiliates involved in diverse areas of trial advocacy, ATLA provides lawyers with the information and professional assistance needed to serve clients successfully and protect the democratic values inherent in the civil justice system.</p>
 <p>American College of Trial Lawyers www.actl.com</p>	<p>The American College of Trial Lawyers, founded in 1950, is widely considered to be the premier professional organization in America.</p> <p>It is composed of the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada. Fellowship in the College is by invitation, extended only after careful investigation, to those experienced trial lawyers who have demonstrated exceptional skill as advocates and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism and civility.</p>
 <p>Chambre de commerce du Montréal métropolitain Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal www.btm.ca</p>	<p>The Board of Trade aims to be the most relevant, credible, and influential organization in Greater Montreal, in terms of both representing the business community and delivering services to that community. It requires a strong membership that is representative of the entire Montreal Metropolitan Community.</p>
 <p>Quebec Immigration Lawyer Association www.aqaadi.com</p>	<p>AQAADI regroup Quebec lawyers actively working in the field of immigration. Today, AQAADI speaks for lawyers who are members of the Quebec Bar Association, bring them closer together and allow them to share their respective experiences. AQAADI aims to properly inform its members of ever-changing conditions in the field of immigration and to provide them with as much training and information as possible. AQAADI regularly takes positions on broad issues involving immigration law and practice.</p>

An overview of Canada's immigration Regulations



Canada's new Immigration and Refugee Protection Act ("IRPA") was implemented on June 28, 2002. Canada is an extremely popular country in which to live and the number of people who wish to immigrate to Canada far exceeds the number of foreign nationals Canada admits in any given year. IRPA governs the process through which immigrants are admitted to Canada.

Canada's immigration program is based on nondiscriminatory and universal principles. Applicants are assessed on standards that do not discriminate on the basis of race, national or ethnic origin, color, religion or sex. Applicants are assessed on their ability to adapt to life in Canada and to settle successfully within its borders.

PERMANENT RESIDENT

[Skilled Worker](#)
[Family Class](#)
[Business Class](#)
[Investor](#)
[Entrepreneur](#)
[Self-Employed](#)

TEMPORARY RESIDENTS

[Visas](#)
[Visit](#)
[Study](#)

In addition to the categories listed above RSS assists those individuals who may require Rehabilitation for criminality issues in the past.

SKILLED WORKERS

Skilled workers are people whose education, language ability and skilled work experience will enable them to become successfully established in



Canada. They are assessed according to a point system which evaluates their ability to adapt to the Canadian economy. There are six selection criteria. The selection criteria and maximum points allocated are as follows:



FAMILY CLASS

Family Class members are people sponsored to come to Canada by a person who is a Canadian Citizen or a Permanent Resident of Canada. The Family Class applicant must be the sponsor's:

- spouse, common-law or conjugal partner;
- dependant child, including a child adopted abroad;
- child under 18 to be adopted in Canada;
- parents or grandparents; or
- an orphaned child under 18 who is a brother, sister, niece, nephew or grandchild and is not a spouse or common-law partner.

BUSINESS IMMIGRANTS

Business immigrants are people who are able to support the development of a strong and prosperous Canadian economy, either through their direct investment, their entrepreneurial activity or self-employment. Business immigration comprises the [Investor](#), [Entrepreneur](#) and [Self-employed Person](#) classes.

To be eligible for immigration, business immigrants who are [investors](#) and [entrepreneurs](#) require a specified net worth and business experience as set out in IRPA regulations. [Self-employed applicants](#) require specific experience.

