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LL.B. Bachelor of Laws, Université de Montréal in 1996
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After having been its president from 2003 until 2013, Me Girard continues to sit on the board of the *Centre québécois du droit de l'environnement (CQDE)*.

As a member of the firm's municipal law team, he offers a particular expertise to municipalities wishing to overcome challenges relating to sustainable development and wishing to improve the quality of their citizens' living space.

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

- Regular speaker and recognized training provider:
 - *Corporation des officiers municipaux en bâtiment et en environnement du Québec (COMBEQ).*
 - *Union des municipalités du Québec (UMQ).*
 - Conservation groups and bassin organizations and many others.

ARTICLES AND PUBLICATIONS

- Recent developments in environmental law.
- Protection of lakes and waterways
- Conservation of natural environments.
- Legislation in matters of contaminated land.
- Pesticides Management Code.
- Sustainable development.
- Property rights and the protection of the environment.
- Biodiversity: A planetary challenge.
- Guide to best practices in private stewardship.