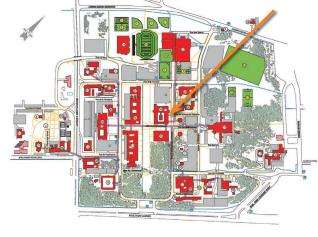
#### A Dynamic and Diverse Research Team

Approximately twenty regular and associate members make up the CÉDÉ, in addition to its management members. It also includes a team of student-researchers from various backgrounds who not only represent the future of economic law, but also fuel the Centre's activities through their vitality and commitment toward the CÉDÉ's many scientific projects (summer universities, seminars, conferences, etc.). The CÉDÉ has demonstrated its willingness to take part in the contemporary debate surrounding economic law through activities that take a variety of forms: the publishing of monographs, collective works and articles; the organizing of seminars, conferences, roundtable discussions and lunch-and-learns; and the creation of the Practical Workshop, along with other tools that raise awareness for the challenges surrounding business law.

### Partnerships and Spin-offs for CÉDÉ Partners

Among the CÉDÉ's priorities are the creation of partnerships with a number of sectors that include universities, businesses, associations and various levels of government. Several of these partnerships are currently being sought with other centres and university chairs both in Canada and abroad.

Due to the large number of researchers involved, the CÉDÉ makes up an important lever that stimulates team-based research and attracts new students while enriching training programs in the Faculty of Law. The CÉDÉ also promotes the creation of joint scientific activities, including summer universities, seminars, workshops and conferences. Through its flexible and open structure, the CÉDÉ often allows non-member colleagues to collaborate on research and knowledge dissemination activities.





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## An Indispensable Research Centre for Economic Law in Ouebec

Founded in 2003, the Centre d'études en droit économique (CÉDÉ) is a university organization associated with the Université Laval's Faculty of Law. The CÉDÉ has become an indispensable think tank in economic law. Its goal is to promote the development, transmission and dissemination of knowledge in economic law, regulatory law and business law. The CÉDÉ's mission is to harmonize the many scattered components involved in economic law. Since its inception, the Centre has played an active role in the debate surrounding legal affairs and their adaptation to new national and international economic realities. A comprehensive restructuring process in 2013 transformed the CÉDÉ into a pivotal research centre focusing on two areas of research centered around the regulation of business and financial services activities. According to its new statutes, adopted and implemented in the summer of 2013, the CÉDÉ. which stems from the Université Laval's Faculty of Law, now focuses on the development, transmission and dissemination of knowledge in economic law at the regional, national and international levels.

#### **Two Transversal Research Axes**

A first in Quebec, the CÉDÉ has become an indispensable resource in economic law by focusing on the transversal skills of the sectors involved, including both private and public sectors, as well as the professional legal sector. Firstly, the CÉDÉ highlights those aspects of various fields that involve economic law. It then acts as a distributor, making this information available and accessible to economic stakeholders across every sector. Ultimately, the CÉDÉ's mission is to help shape a new judicial discipline that transcends current disciplines in order to adapt itself to today's challenges.





### The CÉDÉ also promotes these specific objectives:

- To encourage and facilitate theoretical and applied research in all sectors that involve economic law, regulatory law and business law:
- To encourage and facilitate the training of research teams in economic law, regulatory law and business law;
- To promote a multidisciplinary and inter-university academic approach, particularly in the administrative sciences, economics, international relations and consumer affairs;
- To increase the participation of post-graduate students in the CÉDÉ's research projects;
- To collaborate with the Ministère des Finances du Québec in support of an annual scholarship program to help post-graduate students complete their research projects;
- To raise awareness among undergraduate students regarding the challenges of economic law;

- To promote collaboration with business and government sectors:
- To organize conferences, discussion workshops and seminars, and to publish their results;
- To further develop digital electronic dissemination systems, including the Bulletin de droit économique and CÉDÉ-related blogs;
- To develop lasting partnerships with the legal and business communities to facilitate talks and discussions;
- To improve the national and international economic law section at the Université Laval's law library.

### The CÉDÉ's research projects focus on the two following axes:

# Axis 1 – Regulation and Business (Axe régulation et entreprise, or ARE)

The Axe régulation et entreprise (ARE) seeks to explore both general and specific problems related to the state intervention that frames and regulates business activities within a variety of specific and inter-related industries. To achieve this, the ARE considers a number of questions regarding the interaction between regulation and business activities along with the consequences of company behaviour on consumers. The following themes are of particular interest:

- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR);
- Consumer protection, consumption and competition;
- SME rights;
- Limited company rights;
- Corporate governance;
- Intellectual property rights;

- Legal form and company size (NPO, SME, large corporations);
- Risk management, compliance and bankruptcy;
- Regional integration, international commerce, commercial and international contracts and conflict resolution.

# Axis 2 – Financial Services Rights (*Droit des services financiers*, or GRDSF)

Under the management of Professor Raymonde Crête, the *Groupe de recherche en droit des services financiers* (GRDSF) develops activities along three lines:

Heritage management and protection: This research is focused on the legal and organizational framework surrounding financial heritage management and protection services, and more specifically, negotiation services for securities, financial advice, individual and collective portfolio management, along with financial and insurance planning.

Contemporary problems linked to banking services: This area focuses on the transformations that have occurred across the banking service sector due in large part to the recent financial crisis, the intensified fight against banking fraud and money laundering, along with the emergence of innovative electronic payment mechanisms.

**Capital markets:** This area focuses on capital market regulations at the national and international levels, particularly those that target company financing, merger and acquisition activities, and financial risk management.