

## PRESS RELEASE

**The Université de Montréal's Faculty of Law has been selected to join the educational collaboratory Law Without Walls and becomes the first Canadian law faculty to participate in this innovative educational project**

*Montréal, September 19, 2012* – The Faculty of Law is proud to join Law Without Walls, an innovative educational project that seeks to break the often-intimidating barriers that exist between faculty and students, business and law, professors and practitioners, education and practice. The UdeM's law faculty is the first Canadian faculty of law to become a member of this group, joining the ranks of some of the most prestigious law schools in the world, such as Harvard Law School, Stanford Law School, University College London Laws, Fordham Law School (NYC), Sydney Law School, Peking University School of Transnational Law, University of St. Gallen Law School (Switzerland), IE Business School (Spain), Indiana University School of Law, Miami Law, New York Law School, National Law School of India University, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (Chile), Tel Aviv University Buchmann Faculty of Law (Israel), University of São Paulo Faculty of Law (Brazil), Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and Universidad de Los Andes Facultad de Derecho (Colombia).

Two students from the Faculty will be chosen to participate in this initiative, with Professor Marie-Claude Rigaud providing university mentorship for one of the teams. Catalyst for this project at the Faculty of Law, Professor Rigaud is thrilled that the university group behind Law Without Walls has recognized the UdeM's Faculty of Law as possessing all the qualities required to participate in such a unique and cutting-edge educational project that keeps pace with developments in the teaching of law and the practice of law.

Law Without Walls adopts a transdisciplinary approach to address the burning issues faced by the legal profession, looking towards, for example, information technology, psychology and even neuroscience to examine how law is taught and practiced, as well as to imagine a structure for the law firm of the future and the world legal capital of tomorrow.

A major part of the work happens online, during virtual conferences bringing together students and their university and professional mentors from all four corners of the world.

### **About the Université de Montréal's Faculty of Law**

Founded in 1878, the Université de Montréal's Faculty of Law is one of the largest and most dynamic law faculties in Canada and the French-speaking world. Backed by a long tradition of exceptional teaching and research, the Faculty is committed to the ongoing development of its reputation as a leading learning institute and legal research centre. For more information, please visit <http://www.droit.umontreal.ca>.