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Trained in law and business in Canada, New York and Singapore, Franca has been a member of the Quebec Bar since 1990, and in 2010, was one of the first foreign lawyers to gain full admission to the Singapore Bar. Her legal career of over 25 years encompasses 16 years of private practice, including being the Managing Partner of the Singapore office of Stikeman Elliott and a Legal Associate at Norton Rose, seven years as General Counsel for Asia Pacific for Tyco International Ltd.(a US based Fortune 500 corporation), acting as a technical advisor on regional economic integration to high levels of government in ASEAN , carrying on a mediation practice, and since 2010, being the Managing Director of the Singapore based international law firm of Consilium Law Corporation (“CLC”). CLC represents clients doing business in emerging economies, including in south-east Asia and Africa, as well as in Canada, in diverse sectors.

Franca’s subject areas of legal expertise are in corporate and commercial law, contracts, technology law and fintech , cross border M & A, foreign investment law, and international trade, with a focus on Canada, ASEAN and West Africa. Currently, she is focusing on a number of technology projects, and cutting edge multi-jurisdictional legal practice in the area of cryptocurrency and ICOs . She also assists clients in creating compliance programs, including anti-bribery, and trade compliance. Franca is also accredited as a mediator with the Singapore Mediation Centre and with the ADR Group in London, UK, and acts as a mediator in various areas, including cross border family law disputes. Having an undergraduate commerce degree and a certificate in business (from the US and Canada), she also serves as an advisor to multinational businesses and as a director on several boards of corporations and non-profit organizations. She has authored numerous legal and business publications, including a book entitled “Investments in South-east Asia: Policies and Laws”, contributes regularly to various chambers of commerce publications and websites, and guest lectures to MBA students at McGill University and other educational institutions.

Franca has acted as the Vice President and Membership Co-Chair of the Canada ASEAN Business Council for the past four years, and was one of its founders. She sits on the board of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Singapore and the Malaysia Canada Business Council, is a member of the Singapore Academy of Law, the Nigeria-Canada Business Association (Lagos Branch) and the Canada Africa Council. As a mentor to young professionals, for the last seven years she has operated a training program in Singapore for Canadian law students. She is active in “100 Women in Finance” (under the patronage of the Duchess of Cambridge), and as a past VP of the Canadian Association, organized charitable events such as the Terry Fox Run and the Canadian Maple Leaf Ball.

Franca was born and raised in Montreal, Canada, and is married with three sons. She is an avid runner and writes restaurant reviews for magazines in her spare time.