

# Bailiffs of Justice in the Province of Quebec



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At this date, there are over 711 Bailiffs of Justice in the Province of Quebec. Bailiffs of Justice practicing in the Province of Quebec must hold a Degree in Law, known as Judicial Technique, which is a specialized college diploma and/or any other equivalent diploma or university degree. These professionals do have a liberal status and must be holders of permits issued by their professional Corporation in accordance with the Bailiffs act (L.Q., 1995, chapter 41) along with the rules of the "Code des professions" (L.R.Q, chapter C-26) that included and conduct the 43 Professional Corporations acting on the territory of the said Province.- Such a permit holder may exercise his duties as bailiff throughout the Province. According to the law, in this capacity, the Bailiff of Justice, along with the sheriff, are the only officers of justice able to proceed with the service of any legal process, execution of local and foreign judgment, judicial sales, evictions, repossessions and statements of facts requested by individuals, lawyers or by a local court order. Services made otherwise are not legal in this Province. Services will comply with International laws and/or Conventions (Hague Convention or other, if any) and/or any process issued by a foreign Court with specific rules appearing on it. The foreign judgment must follow a certain procedure and must be exemplified by a local court. Unless non judicial matter, the Bailiffs fees and cost for their professional services are normally recoverable.

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<sup>1</sup> Article 32 of the "Code des Professions" entitling a person to act as such has an exclusive and reserved right attached to the title of Bailiff of Justice in the Province. The title "h.j.," for: "hussier de justice" is the French translation of Bailiff of Justice