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Elisabeth Colson is the head of the Corporate Commercial Department at Devry Smith Frank *LLP*. Fluently bilingual in English and in French, Elisabeth received her honours B.A. in Political Science from McGill University, and received her law degree from Universite de Montreal in 1989. Elisabeth is a member of the Ontario and Quebec bars.

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