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Quebec laws are the only ones in Canada based on civil law traditions; all other Canadian provinces use common law.

In Montreal, it is more likely than not that a festival is going on. Being a lawyer is a very social profession; we like the motto: "Work hard and play hard(er)." Montreal is a bilingual city, and it is not unusual to have meetings in which both French and English are spoken.

In Quebec, the average age of a first-year lawyer tends to be lower than elsewhere because there is no requirement for a Quebec student to complete undergraduate school before applying to law school.

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Economy

GDP (current US\$) 1.821 trillion in 2012

Growth

In July, Canada's economy grew 0.6% — the fastest monthly pace in two years. The recovery was led by the construction, manufacturing and energy sectors. (*www.statcan.gc.ca*)

Corruption

According to Transparency International's "2012 Corruption Perception Index," Canada is the ninth "cleanest" or least corrupt country out of the 176 that were scored. (http://cpi. transparency.org/ cpi2012/results/)

Additional Resources Statistics Canada (www.statcan.gc.ca)

The Canadian Trade Commissioner Service (www.international.gc.ca/ investors-investisseurs/ index.aspx)

Canada's Economic Action Plan (*http://actionplan.gc.ca/en*)

Canada's Top 100 Employers (www.canadastop100.com)

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