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Women are named managing partners in Quebec

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Lavery de Billy has announced that Elise Poisson, right, will replace Richard Dolan as managing partner on Jan. 1. Mr. Dolan has spent 10 years running the Quebec independent firm and he will join the firm's board. Ms. Poisson is the first female managing partner in the firm's history. McCarthy Tetrault also announced a new regional managing partner for Quebec, Kim Thomassin. She succeeds Marc-Andre Blanchard, who was recently appointed chairman and chief executive of the firm, and also starts in her new role on Jan. 1. They join a growing number of women taking on senior executive roles at Canada's law firms, including Lisa Borsook, managing partner at Toronto's WeirFoulds, and Dale Ponder, managing partner and chief executive of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt. The trend reflects the fact that woman law graduates now outnumber men.