

VIRGINIA HAMARA LAW OFFICE SPECIAL AWARD

Françoise Méchin Pellet

L'Atelier du Presbytère

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Virginia Hamara Law Office



"I grew up in Provence, in the south of France. I always imagined, shaped, and made. Whether by design or fashion, textile fascinates me.

"After graduation in foreign languages and commerce, I studied 2 sewing classes in Paris, one in industrial fashion and the other in Interior design. Reading many books about textile, incredible nuns from my village who taught me sewing basics, and the desire to work for myself, I finally decided to become Artisan in Textile in 1994.

"In 1996, in the South of France, we created « L'ATELIER DU PRESBYTÈRE » with my husband Thierry (Artisan also in decorative painting). Lovers of antiques and flea market, we designed and made all our models with antique 100 years ago linen and hemp. In 2006, to keep the artisanal quality of our work, we left France to immigrate to Canada, in Montreal. We import all our antique fabrics from France, and we also use some contemporary Linens we pre washed and give them a

handmade vintage treatment.

"Linen is an elegant material, timeless, like a second skin. We imagine, create, and make absolutely everything, only both of us here in Canada. We love to work in our workshop and then show and sell our creations. We travel with our little ephemeral boutique on the back, soon returned, we find again the workshop. A crazy life, always working, but what a pleasure to share our passion with you."

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