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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW PROGRAM

LAW 673 – Introduction to Public International Law (Economic Focus)

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Ms. Valerie Hughes is a graduate of the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa. Valerie served as Director of the Appellate Body Secretariat of the World Trade Organization (WTO) from August 2001 through December 2005 and as Director of the Legal Affairs Division of the WTO from August 2010 until September 2016. Valerie spent 22 years with the Government of Canada, during which time she held various positions, including Assistant Deputy Minister at the Department of Finance, General Counsel of the Trade Law Division at Foreign Affairs and Inter-
national Trade, and Senior Counsel in the International Law Division of the Department of Justice. Ms. Hughes has served as counsel before international courts and tribunals on trade law and law of the sea matters and has served as a panelist in a WTO dispute. She has published widely on the subject of international dispute settlement and was recently awarded the John E. Read Medal by the Canadian Council on International Law.

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In addition to serving as an adviser to the American Law Institute’s project on restating the U.S. law of international commercial arbitration, she is a member of the Advisory Board of the Investment Treaty Forum of the British Institute for International and Comparative Law. Professor Bjorklund was the inaugural ICSID Scholar-in-Residence for 2014-2015 and was Editor-in-Chief of the Yearbook on International Investment Law and Policy (OUP) from 2012 to 2015. She sits on the panel of arbitrators of the AAA’s International Centre for Dispute Resolution and on the roster of NAFTA Chapter 19 arbitrators. Professor Bjorklund is widely published in investment law and dispute resolution and transnational contracts.

Prior to joining McGill, Professor Bjorklund taught at the University of California, Davis, School of Law. Before entering the academy she was an attorney-adviser on the NAFTA arbitration team in the Office of the Legal Adviser of the U.S. Department of State, in addition to periods at the U.S. International Trade Commission and in private practice at Miller & Chevalier in Washington, D.C. She clerked for Judge Samuel J. Ervin, III, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Professor Bjorklund has a J.D. from Yale Law School, an M.A. in French Studies from New York University, and a B.A. (with High Honors) in History and French from the University of Nebraska.

**LAW 666 – International Commercial Law**

**Professor Joshua Karton** joined Queen’s Law in July 2009 and is now an Associate Professor. Professor Karton’s research interests are in international dispute resolution (in particular international arbitration), international and comparative contract law, conflict of laws, and sociology of law (especially law and globalization). In addition to international arbitration, Professor Karton has taught contracts, comparative law, commercial law, conflict of laws, and legal research methods. He received a BA in International Relations and Humanities from Yale in 2001, a JD from Columbia Law School in 2005, and a PhD in International Law from Cambridge in 2011. A member of the New York Bar, he practiced in the New York and Hong Kong offices of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP before commencing his doctoral studies. Professor Karton has also taught at Cambridge University, Hong Kong University, the National Taiwan University, and Wuhan University (China).

**Mr. Matthew Secomb** is a partner in White & Case’s International Arbitration Group in Singapore. Mr. Secomb specializes in international commercial arbitration with a focus on construction and energy-related disputes. He has been involved in arbitrations under most of the major institutional rules as well as in ad hoc arbitrations. Mr. Secomb also provides commercial advice, particularly with regard to oil and gas related issues. Before moving to Singapore in 2015, he was based in White & Case’s Paris office for nearly ten years. He has a B.Com. and an LL.M. from the University of Melbourne, and an LL.B. from Deakin University.

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