INTERNATIONAL LAW
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May 29-31, 2019
Bader International Study Centre
Herstmonceux Castle, East Sussex UK
AT A GLANCE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 29

17:00 - 19:30 Arrival & Registration / Castle Reception
19:00 - 21:00 Welcome Reception / Ballroom
21:00 - 22:30 Dinner / Castle Dining Hall

Thursday, May 30

08:00 - 09:00 Breakfast / Castle Dining Hall
09:00 - 09:20 Welcome / Ballroom
9:30 - 11:00 Panel: International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law / Ballroom
Chair: Ardi Imseis
Panelists: Michael Schoiswohl, Phillip Drew, Samantha Wynne, Linda Yang, Sheru Abdulhusein
11:00 - 11:30 Break / Castle Dining Hall
11:30 - 12:30 Keynote address by Kim Prost, Judge, International Criminal Court / Ballroom
12:30 - 14:00 Lunch / Castle Dining Hall
14:00 - 15:30 Panel: International Economic Law I / Ballroom
Chair: Tony VanDuzer
Panelists: Nadine Valenti, Pierre-Olivier Savoie, Azeem Manghat, Brendan Roberston, Scott Falls
15:30 - 16:00 Break / Castle Dining Hall
16:00 - 17:30 Panel: International Commercial Arbitration / Ballroom
Chair: Matthew Secomb
Panelists: The Honourable Colin L. Campbell Q.C., Dianna L. Kyles, Joshua Karton, Jack Maslen
17:30 - 19:00 Dinner / Castle Dining Hall
19:00 - 21:00 Reception with students in the 2019 International Law Programs / Ballroom
21:00 - 22:30 Bar open for purchases / Headless Drummer

Friday, May 31

08:00 - 09:00 Breakfast / Castle Dining Hall
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Chair: Bill Flanagan
Panelists: Dr. Gail Whiteman, Edward Kwakwa, Hugh Adsett, Waikwa Wanyoike, Ardi Imseis
10:30 - 10:45 Break / Castle Dining Hall
10:45 - 12:15 Panel: International Economic Law II
Chair: Valerie Hughes
Panelists: Julia Webster, Jacob Mantle, Brandon Chung, Rambod Behboodi, Robert McDougall, Faye Voight
12:15 - 13:00 Lunch / Castle Dining Hall
13:00 - 14:00 Keynote address by Stephen de Boer, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the WTO / Ballroom
14:00 - 14:30 Break / Castle Dining Hall - move to the Conference Room
14:30 - 16:00 Panel: Transnational and International Criminal Law / Conference Room
Chair: Norman Farrell
Panelists: Katrina Gustafson, Melissa McKay, Susan Ficek, Jodie Al-Mqbali, Blake Van Santen
16:00 - 16:15 Break / Castle Dining Hall
16:15 - 17:45 Panel: International Business Transactions / Conference Room
Chair: Joshua Karton
Panelists: Vanessa Grant, Kaori Miyake, Jeannette Tramhel, Martha Monterrosa
19:00 - 21:00 Banquet Dinner and Celebration of Bill Flanagan’s Tenure as Dean of Queen’s Law / Ballroom
21:00 - 22:30 Bar open for purchases / Ballroom

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Panelists

**Michael Schoiswohl**, Principal Legal Officer (International Law), Department of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine and Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) - Reflections on the Role of the United Nations in the Protection of Human Rights

**Phillip Drew**, Law’00, LLM’12, Associate Professor, Australian National University College of Law - Unprincipled Principles: Reassessing the Principle of Proportionality in the 21st Century IHL Paradigm

**Samantha Wynne**, Law’13, Human Rights Lawyer, Legal Assistance Centre, Windhoek, Namibia - International Norms and the Status of the Responsibility to Protect


**Sheru Abdulhusein**, Law’14, Barrister and Solicitor; Participant in the Canadian Bar Association Young Lawyers International Program (YLIP) - Vulnerable and Uncertain: Challenges and Opportunities in the Global Human Rights Landscape

**Michael Schoiswohl** graduated from Vienna Law School in 1998 and studied international law, with an emphasis on human rights, as a Fulbright scholar at NYU, where he obtained an LL.M. in 2000. In 2001 he completed his doctoral studies at the University of Vienna with distinction.

Mr Schoiswohl is currently the Principal Legal Officer (International Law) at the Department of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine and Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). He has held various positions within the United Nations in the field of human rights, legal affairs, rule of law and development, including in post-conflict situations (Afghanistan). Prior to his assignment with UNRWA, he worked in Geneva as a Human Rights Advisor with the Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations and with the United Nations Environment Programme. Previous positions include Lecturer and Researcher at the Vienna Institute of Public International Law, Legal Advisor to the Austrian General Settlement Fund for Victims of National Socialism, and various consultancies and research assignments in public international law, international human rights and rule of law related areas.

In pursuit of his interest in combining practice with academia, Mr. Schoiswohl has researched, lectured and published on various topics of international and human rights law. Publications include a monograph on the status and human rights obligations of non-recognized de facto regimes in international law (the case of Somaliland) and articles on the United Nations Human Rights Council as well as the rule of law in post-conflict peace-building. Mr. Schoiswohl participated in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court in 1997 and he has remained active as a coach and judge.

**Professor Phillip Drew** is an Associate Professor at the Australian National University College of Law.

Professor Drew was an officer in the Canadian Military for 31 years, serving first as an Intelligence Officer (1983-2002), then as a legal officer with the Office of the Judge Advocate General (2002-2013). He served as an intelligence officer during the Gulf War (1990-91) and as the United Nations Force Intelligence Officer in Rwanda from July 1994 until February 1995. During his time as Legal Advisor to the Canadian Pacific Fleet he served on ships conducting counter-piracy and counter-drug operations in the Indian Ocean Region.

Professor Drew is a senior consultant for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) where he works with African governments to develop and implement counter-piracy and maritime crime legislation. He is currently the only lawyer in the world who is certified as a qualified expert in chemical weapons by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

Recognized internationally as a leading authority on the lawful use of force, he is the co-author of the San Remo Handbook on Rules of Engagement, and the Oceans Beyond Piracy Handbook on Use of Force for Private Security Companies. Professor Drew completed his JD at Queen’s in 2000, followed by an LL.M. in 2012. He completed his PhD in Law at the European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder) in 2016.
Samantha Wynne is a human rights lawyer, specializing in international human rights and humanitarian law. After articling at Gowlings in Toronto, she clerked at the Supreme Court of Israel, where she advised the Chief Justice on international and comparative law. Since moving to New York in 2015, Samantha has mostly focused on atrocity prevention and response and has worked at human rights NGOs – including the Jacob Blaustein Institute and the International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect – to strengthen the United Nations’ response to serious human rights crises around the world. Samantha is also passionate about gender equality and most recently she worked in Namibia as part of the Legal Assistance Centre’s Gender Research and Advocacy team, where she focused on combating gender-based violence and human trafficking. She is admitted to practice law in Ontario and New York, holds a J.D. from Queen’s University, and an LL.M in International Legal Studies from NYU School of Law.

Linda G. Yang is a Legal Fellow at the International Justice Mission, Cebu Field Office. Born in China and raised in Vancouver, BC, Linda obtained a B.A. from UBC in International Relations and English Literature, and a J.D. from the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University in 2014. After law school and missing the west coast too much, Linda went back to Vancouver to article and then work at a national law firm as a litigation and immigration associate. In 2018, Linda joined IJM as a Legal Fellow in its Cebu Field Office, assisting local lawyers with the prosecution of the online sexual exploitation of children (including trafficking, child abuse, and cybercrime offences) and assisting with broader efforts to transform the Filipino justice system in the area of internet child exploitation. She loves living in Cebu and thinks Filipino food is very much underrated.

Sheru Abdulhusein is a passionate advocate who is driven by her desire to advance social justice, combat oppression, and defend human rights and freedoms.

Sheru is a participant in the Canadian Bar Association Young Lawyer’s International Program (YLIP) and has just completed a 6-month placement with the Katiba Institute in Nairobi, Kenya. The Katiba Institute (https://www.katibainstitute.org/) is a national Kenya non-governmental organization that aims to achieve positive social change through implementation of the Constitution. Working at Katiba Institute has broadened Sheru’s public interest litigation experience and strengthened her interest in international human rights law and comparative constitutional law.

Prior to YLIP, Sheru worked as a staff lawyer at the Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic in Toronto, providing trauma-informed legal services to women who have experienced violence. Previously, she articulated and worked as counsel for Ontario’s Ministry of the Attorney General, where she gained significant litigation and public policy experience.

Sheru obtained her J.D. from Queen’s in 2014, after completing her first year at the University of New Brunswick. She also holds a B.Sc. (Hons) in Psychology from McMaster University. During law school, Sheru worked in five different legal clinics, assisting inmates with disciplinary hearings, tenants facing eviction, and individuals appealing the denial of their disability benefits.

Panel Chair

Professor Ardi Imseis is an Assistant Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, Queen’s University and Associate Academic Director of International Law Programs at BISC. Between 2002 and 2014, he served in senior legal and policy capacities with the United Nations in the Middle East and is former Senior Legal Counsel to the Chief Justice of Alberta. He has provided expert testimony before various high-level bodies, including the UN Security Council, and to members of the UK House of Lords and the French Senate. His scholarship has appeared in a wide array of international journals, including the American Journal of International Law, the Harvard International Law Journal, and the Oxford Journal of Legal Studies, and he is Editor-in-Chief of the Palestine Yearbook of International Law. Professor Imseis is a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellow and former Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and Human Rights Fellow, Columbia Law School. He holds a Ph.D. in Politics and International Studies at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, and holds an LL.M. (Columbia), LL.B. (Dalhousie), and B.A. (Hons.) (Toronto).
THURSDAY, MAY 30 / 11:30 - 12:30
Keynote address by Judge Kimberly Prost, International Criminal Court

Judge Kimberly Prost graduated as a gold medallist from the Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba. She joined the Canadian federal Department of Justice in 1982, and worked for five years in the Winnipeg Regional office as a federal prosecutor. In 1987, she joined the Department of Justice’s Crimes against Humanity and War Crimes Unit in Ottawa, and worked as head of the Baltic team on possible prosecutions for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity. In 1990, she took a position within the International Assistance Group, which acts as Canada’s central authority for international criminal cooperation matters; she was named Director in 1994. In this capacity she participated in the negotiation of over 40 bilateral extradition and mutual legal assistance treaties for Canada.

Judge Prost was a member of the Canadian delegation for the negotiation of the Rome Statute for an International Criminal Court, and she participated in the negotiation of the related Rules of Procedure and Evidence. She was also on the Canadian delegation for the negotiation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

In July 2000, Judge Prost joined the Commonwealth Secretariat as Head of the Criminal Law Section, Deputy Director, Legal and Constitutional Affairs Division, where she delivered a broad range of assistance to member countries.

Amongst various activities, she ran an intensive pan-Commonwealth program on counter-terrorism legislation and implementation of the relevant international instruments, as well as police and prosecutor training in the investigation and prosecution of terrorism and terrorist financing. She also managed a project that brought together experts to develop model legislation for implementation of the Rome Statute.

In March 2005, Judge Prost joined the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Vienna as Head of the Legal Advisory Section within the Division of Treaty Affairs. In June 2005, she was elected by the General Assembly as an ad hoc judge for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. On July 3, 2006, she was sworn in as a Judge of the Tribunal where she served for four years on the case of Popovic et al, a seven-accused trial related to events surrounding the fall of the Srebrenica and Zepa enclaves in 1995. Judgement in that case was delivered on 10 June 2010. Also in June, Judge Prost was appointed by the Secretary General to serve as Ombudsperson for the Security Council 1267 Al Qaida/Taliban Sanctions Committee. She served in that position in New York for five years. From February 2016 to December 2017, Judge Prost took up the position of Chef du Cabinet for the President of the International Criminal Court. In December 2017, she was elected as Canadian judge to the International Criminal Court, to a nine-year term, and currently serves in that role.

THURSDAY, MAY 30 / 14:00 - 15:30
Panel: International Economic Law I

Chaired by Tony VanDuzer, Hyman Soloway Chair in Business and Trade Law and Full Professor, Faculty of Law – Common Law Section, University of Ottawa

Nadine Valenti, Counsel, Trade Law Bureau, Government of Canada

A Fine Balance: a Government Lawyer’s Perspective on Bridging the Divide Between Trade Policy and the Practice of Trade Law

Pierre-Olivier Savoie, Principal, Savoie Arbitration

Investment Treaty Law and Banking Regulation: The GATS Prudential Exception as Customary International Law?

Azeem Manghat, Law’18, Student-at-Law, Trade Law Bureau, Government of Canada

Conceptualizing the Investment Court System (“ICS”) provided for in the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the EU and Canada (“CETA”)

Brendan Robertson, Law’18; Student-at-Law, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP and Scott Falls, Law’18, LLM’20 Candidate, University of Geneva / Graduate Institute; Student-at-Law, DLA Piper LLP

The Borders of WTO Jurisdiction: the Invocation of the National Security Exception in WTO Dispute Settlement
Nadine Valenti has been Counsel with the Government of Canada’s Trade Law Bureau for close to 10 years. Her practice includes litigation files, participation in trade negotiations, and preparation of opinions for client departments. Nadine is also counsel to the Canadian delegation to the OECD Arrangement on Officially Supported Export Credits. Prior to joining the Bureau, she worked in both the International Financing and the Softwood Lumber divisions of Global Affairs Canada. Nadine holds a Joint Honours, B.A. (McGill) and she completed both an LL.B. and M.A. degree in International Affairs through a program offered jointly by the University of Ottawa and the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (NPSIA). Nadine is pleased to be back at the Castle, having stayed here previously when she completed the Queen’s International Business Law Certificate program.

Pierre-Olivier Savoie is the founder of Savoie Arbitration and is based in Paris. He has over a dozen years of experience acting as international arbitration counsel both in private practice and as counsel for the Government of Canada’s Trade Law Bureau.

Pierre-Olivier is a specialist of investment treaty arbitration, having acted for both investors and over half a dozen states in over 30 matters. He has also negotiated over 15 bilateral investment treaties (including as a member of the Canadian team negotiating the investment chapter of the Canada-Europe Comprehensive Trade and Economic Agreement) and advised several states on their international investment obligations. Pierre-Olivier also has extensive experience advising governments on trade obligations, in particular under the GATS. Pierre-Olivier has acted in several matters that involve trade and investment in financial services, as well as in commercial arbitrations involving banking and insurance matters.

Pierre-Olivier principally acts as lead counsel, in both investment treaty and commercial arbitrations, as well as in arbitration-related matters before French courts. He also acts as arbitrator and is a member of Canada’s NAFTA Chapter 19 roster of arbitrators. He is a sessional lecturer in international commercial arbitration at the University of Angers, a member of the board of the Canadian Council of International Law and a member of the Paris, New York and Ontario bars.

Azeem Manghat has completed his J.D from Queen’s University and a LL.M in International and European Business Law from the Université Jean Moulin. He has worked as an intern for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and as a trainee in the Chambers of the First Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU). Currently, he is completing his articles with the Department of Justice, having pursued rotations in both the investment law and WTO law divisions of the Trade Law Bureau. He will be rejoining the investment law division of the Trade Law Bureau as Counsel in June.

Brendan Robertson is completing his articles with Blake, Cassels and Graydon LLP where he has worked in various corporate law groups including Infrastructure & Procurement, Litigation, and Competition, Antitrust & Foreign Investment. Brendan previously interned with the Permanent Mission of Canada to the WTO and also summered with Canada’s Trade Law Bureau. While at Queen’s, Brendan was selected to compete on, and later coach, the law school’s ELSA Moot Court team. As a participant in the International Trade Law Practicum at Queen’s, Brendan co-authored a paper analyzing options for providing enhanced secretariat services to FTA panels. Prior to completing his law degree, Brendan received an MA from the Labour Studies Department at McMaster University and an honours BA in political science and sociology from Western University.

Scott Falls, Law ’18, is currently completing his articles with DLA Piper (Canada) LLP in the firm’s Toronto office. While at QL, Scott completed the International Business Law program at the Castle, competed in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition and ELSA (now John H. Jackson) Moot Court Competition on WTO Law, and participated in the inaugural TradeLab Trade Law Practicum. Following the completion of his articles, Scott will be pursuing an LL.M. in International Dispute Settlement with the University of Geneva and the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies.
Tony VanDuzer is a Professor and the Hyman Soloway Chair in Business and Trade Law with the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa, as well as an Adjunct Research Professor at the Carleton University’s Norman Paterson School of International Affairs. He has also taught at the Queen’s University Bader International Studies Centre in England, the Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität in Germany and the University of Waikato in New Zealand. Professor VanDuzer has written widely on investment and trade in services issues. With Patrick Leblond, he has just completed editing International Investment Policy: Law, Economics, Political Science and Management to be published later this year by Routledge. In 2013, he wrote Integrating Sustainable Development into International Investment Agreements: A Guide for Developing Countries with his University of Ottawa colleagues Penelope Simons and Graham Mayeda. He has provided advice on services and investment issues to governments, including Canada and the African Union. He was a Member of the Academic Advisory Council to Canada’s Deputy Minister for International Trade from 2002 to 2006. He has participated in technical assistance projects in relation to investment and services trade in Canada as well as transition and developing economies around the world, including El Salvador, Thailand, Russia, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and states in the Caribbean.

THURSDAY, MAY 30 / 16:00 - 17:30
Panel: International Commercial Arbitration

Chaired by Matthew Secomb, Partner, White & Case, Singapore

The Process of International Arbitration – Time, Cost, Choices

Pearl Petroleum: The importance of a well drafted arbitration clause in a poorly drafted contract

Diversity is a Ladder: Making Progress on Diverse Tribunals

Recent Case-Law: Tribunal Jurisdiction

Panelists

The Honourable Colin L. Campbell Q.C., established his mediation and arbitration practice in the fall of 2013 at Amicus Chambers following a 15-year career as a Justice of the Superior Court of Justice of Ontario.

During his judicial career, much of which was spent dealing with civil litigation, Colin managed and presided over a number of complex insolvency and restructuring cases as well as numerous complicated public and private shareholder disputes. During this time, he actively managed many civil cases and presided over hundreds of pre-trials, settlement conferences and judicial mediations.

Since 2013 Colin has conducted over 600 mediations, mainly investor, corporate/commercial shareholder and estate disputes but also including insurance and construction matters.

In addition, Colin has presided over more than 100 arbitration disputes, principally as a sole arbitrator in domestic issues but as well, several international disputes as a tribunal member under the auspices of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the International Centre for Dispute Resolution of mediation and arbitration and other arbitral regimes.

Colin is a judicial Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitration and a member of a number of bar related organizations.

Prior to his appointment as a judge in 1998, Colin was for 30 years with the firm of McCarthy Tétrault and was a leading counsel with extensive trial and appellate experience in a broad range of civil, criminal and regulatory matters in several Canadian provinces, including over 25 Supreme Court of Canada appearances.
During his legal career Colin held a number of elected and appointed positions to various legal organizations including as a bencher, the Law Society of Upper Canada, now known as the Law Society of Ontario.

From 2001 to 2004, Colin chaired the Task Force on Discovery in Ontario and was a founding member and later co-chair of Sedona Canada.

In 2014-15 Colin was Chair of a Task Force review of Student Transportation in Ontario. He is currently a roster mediator with the Ontario Securities Commission – Enforcement Branch program and is an appointed arbitrator to the Windsor-Detroit, State of Michigan Bridge Authority.

Dianna L. Kyles is currently a PhD Candidate at Dickson Poon School of Law, King’s College London. Her academic focus is on distributed ledger technology, the creation of bottom-up self governance, actual blockchain use-cases and the use of crypto-currency in alternative financing structures. She is the Senior Counsel at Andarko Algeria Company, London, providing legal advice and support to senior decision-makers in business development, international new ventures, human resources (full employment cycle & reorganisations), compliance (ABC, MSA, CFA, GDPR), business services & IT, and international tax (project structuring). From 2014-17 she was the Director of AmenrvA Limited, focusing on bottom line results for companies operating in complex or high risk jurisdictions while concurrently maintaining appropriate legal protections. From 2014 – 2017 she was the Head of E&P Legal at the MOL Group, in Budapest, Hungary, and from 2011 – 2014 she was International Legal Counsel for Talisman Energy in Calgary, Alberta. She received an LL.M. from King’s College London in 2018.

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).

Jack R. Maslen is a Senior Associate in the Commercial Litigation Group of Borden Ladner Gervais (Calgary). He focuses on insolvency, securities and oil and gas disputes. Jack is also passionate about international commercial arbitration. Before joining BLG, Jack lived and worked for an international Canadian firm in Doha, Qatar, and also for Allen & Overy LLP in London, UK, where he practiced international commercial arbitration. Jack also completed the Bachelor of Civil Law (Distinction) from the University of Oxford, where he focused on alternative dispute resolution and international arbitration. Jack was awarded the B.C.L. course prize for Commercial Negotiation and Mediation.

Panel Chair

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 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.

Prior to joining White & Case in 2006, Mr. Secomb was counsel to the ICC International Court of Arbitration, where he oversaw thousands of arbitrations, spanning almost all industry sectors and regions. Before moving to France in 2001, he worked at Minter Ellison, a leading Australian law firm.
FRIDAY, MAY 31 / 09:00 - 10:30
Panel: Topics in International Law

Chaired by Bill Flanagan, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Queen's University

Dr. Gail Whiteman, Ph.D’00  International Law and Sustainability

Edward Kwakwa, LLM’86, Senior Director, Department for Traditional Knowledge and Global Challenges, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)  Traditional Knowledge and Intellectual Property

Hugh Adsett, Law’93, Global Affairs Canada  The Extraterritorial Application of Human Rights Treaties: Developments

Waikwa Wanyoike, Law’02, Strategic Litigation Director, Open Society Justice Initiative  The Use of Strategic Litigation to Foster International Justice

Ardi Imseis, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Queen’s University  Wither the International Rule of Law? Palestine and the Trump Administration’s Attack on the International Legal Order

Panelists

Professor Gail Whiteman is the Rubin Chair, Director of the Pentland Centre for Sustainability in Business at Lancaster University, UK, and the Professor-in-Residence at the World Business Council for Sustainable Development. She is an expert on global risk and her research analyzes how business makes sense of complex problems and builds resilience across scales given environmental pressures and social inequities. She is the creator of the Arctic Basecamp at Davos (2017, 2018, 2019), an innovative science-outreach event concurrent with the World Economic Forum’s annual meeting, which calls for action from world leaders to address global risks from climate change: www.lancaster.ac.uk/pentland/impact

Edward Kwakwa is Senior Director, Department for Traditional Knowledge and Global Challenges, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva. He served as General Counsel at WIPO from 2004 until September 2016.

Kwakwa holds an LL.B. degree from the University of Ghana, an LL.M. from Queen’s University in Canada, and an LL.M. and a J.S.D. from Yale Law School in the U.S.A.

Before joining WIPO, Kwakwa practiced corporate and international trade law and investment with the law firm of O’Melveny and Myers in Washington, D.C., worked as International Legal Adviser at the Commission on Global Governance in Geneva, as Senior Legal Adviser at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and as Legal Affairs Officer at the World Trade Organization (WTO).

His publications include four books and numerous articles on international law.

He is currently serving as Vice-President of the African Foundation for International Law, Member of the Governing Council of Africa Legal Aid and Member of the Editorial Advisory Boards of the African Journal of International and Comparative Law and the International Organizations Law Review.

In September 2011, he was elected as an Associate Member of the Institut de Droit International, and became a full Member in September 2017. He served from 2001 to 2004 on the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law (ASIL), from 2012 to 2015 as Counselor of the ASIL, and as Vice-President of the ASIL from 2015 to 2017.

He is Adjunct Professor of Law at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, and at the University of Lausanne, and has been an Adjunct/Visiting Professor of Law at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, the University of Denver College of Law, and the University of Pretoria, South Africa, where he has been appointed as an Extraordinary Professor in Law.
Waikwa has taught law at Osgoode Law School and at the Judiciary Training Institute – Kenya. He is the author of numerous book chapters, scholarly papers and editorial opinions and has served on numerous boards of Canadian and Kenyan human rights NGO’s. He studied at Kenyatta University in Kenya and at York and Queen’s Universities in Canada.

Waikwa Wanyoike (JD ’02) is the Strategic Litigation Director at the Open Society Justice Initiative. The Justice Initiative is a public interest law center that has operated as part of the Open Society Foundations since 2003. It has participates in cases in national, regional and international courts around the world fostering accountability on varying issues including killings and torture, migration and citizenship, international criminal justice, economic justice and generally on accountability and rule of law.

Before joining OSJI, Waikwa co-founded and served as the Executive Director of Katiba Institute in Nairobi, Kenya for eight years. Katiba Institute is dedicated to promoting the implementation and understanding of Kenya’s transformative 2010 constitution through litigation and research. Waikwa was admitted to practice law in Ontario, Canada, followed by Kenya and has litigated many cases in both jurisdictions before trial and appellate courts. He has led strategic litigation on issues ranging from refugee and citizenship rights, fair trial rights, transnational crimes, civil and political rights, socio-economic rights, environmental rights and electoral justice. He has also developed and directed test cases addressing issues of public finance, accountability of state institutions as well as the division and separation of powers.

Professor Ardi Imseis is an Assistant Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, Queen’s University and Associate Academic Director of International Law Programs at BISC. Between 2002 and 2014, he served in senior legal and policy capacities with the United Nations in the Middle East and is former Senior Legal Counsel to the Chief Justice of Alberta. He has provided expert testimony before various high-level bodies, including the UN Security Council, and to members of the UK House of Lords and the French Senate. His scholarship has appeared in a wide array of international journals, including the American Journal of International Law, the Harvard International Law Journal, and the Oxford Journal of Legal Studies, and he is Editor-in-Chief of the Palestine Yearbook of International Law. Professor Imseis is a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellow and former Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and Human Rights Fellow, Columbia Law School. He holds a Ph.D. in Politics and International Studies at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, and holds an LL.M. (Columbia), LL.B. (Dalhousie), and B.A. (Hons.) (Toronto).

Bill Flanagan holds a B.A. (English and Philosophy) from Carleton University (1982), a J.D. from the University of Toronto (1985), a D.E.A. in international economic law from Paris I (Université Paris I-Sorbonne)(1986), and an LL.M. from Columbia University (1989). He has been a member of the Faculty of Law at Queen’s University for the past 27 years and has served as Dean of Law for almost 14 years. He was a law clerk for the Hon. Justice Estey of the Supreme Court of Canada in 1986-87.

His teaching interests include International Economic Law, Business Associations, and Property Law. His scholarly work spans a number of areas, including property law, corporate law and international trade law. He served as Co-Chair of the Queen’s Annual Business Law Symposium from 1998-2005.

In 2001, he founded the Faculty’s International Law Program, offered each spring at the Queen’s University Bader International Study Centre at Herstmonceaux Castle in the UK, and served as the Academic Director of this program until his appointment as dean in 2005. The program includes about 50 law students and offers a range of courses in public international law and international business law, including study trips to major international organizations in The Hague, Paris and Geneva.

He served as President of the Council Canadian of Law Deans (CCLD) from 2011 to 2014, representing the CCLD during the public controversy regarding the application of Trinity Western University to establish a law school.

As dean, he has increased the range of experiential learning opportunities available to students by expanding the law school’s clinical programs, adding a new Business Law Clinic, Elder Law Clinic, and Family Law Clinic. In 2014, all five of the school’s clinical programs were collocated into a fully renovated office space in downtown Kingston. The new
location has provided improved access for the hundreds of low-income residents served by the clinics and enhanced learning opportunities for students.

He took the lead in founding the law school’s first privately funded research centre, the Centre for Law in the Contemporary Workplace. He has raised over $1 million in donor support for the Centre since it was established in 2010.

Other milestones include the establishment of the Faculty’s Ph.D. program in 2008, new combined degree programs with the Smith School of Business and the Department of Economics, a 30% increase in the school’s faculty complement during his tenure, and a major expansion of the Faculty’s international programs and profile. Annual donor support for the Faculty has more than quadrupled, including the faculty’s first two privately funded positions, the David Allgood Professorship in Business Law in 2016 and the Stephen Sigurdson Professorship in Corporate Law and Finance in 2017. During the recent Campaign for Queen’s, the Faculty of Law raised over $12 million, 120% of its campaign goal.

Under his leadership, in 2017 the Faculty introduced its new online Undergraduate Certificate in Law, the first of its kind in Canada offered by a faculty of law. The Certificate includes seven courses: Introduction to Canadian Law, Workplace Law, Aboriginal Law, Corporate Law, Public and Constitutional Law, and International Law. Over 3000 students have enrolled in one of the Certificate courses in 2018/19. In another first, in 2018 the Faculty introduced its new online graduate program in Legal Services Management, providing training in key business skills for lawyers.

He served as the law school representative on the National Action Committee on Access to Justice in Civil and Family Matters, under the leadership of Chief Justice McLachlin of the Supreme Court of Canada. The Committee’s final report was published in 2013.

He has taken the lead in ensuring that Queen’s Law is proactive in its response to the Truth and Reconciliation Report’s calls to action, including hiring an Indigenous Recruitment and Support Coordinator responsible for increasing the number of Indigenous students applying to Queen’s Law and supporting those in the program. These efforts have paid off, with Indigenous students comprising over 4% of the incoming class of Law’21. The Faculty recently installed in its atrium a work of art by Indigenous artist Hannah Claus titled “words that are lasting”. The aim of this installation is to create a welcoming space for Indigenous peoples in the Faculty of Law, and to help promote awareness around historical and contemporary issues relevant to Indigenous peoples and law.

He has also been active in the area of community service. He served as Chair of the Board of the AIDS Committee of Toronto from 1993-1995, Canada’s largest community-based HIV service organization. He served as Chair of the Board of the Ontario HIV Treatment Network from 2003-2008, a provincially funded organization that supports HIV-related research in Ontario with an annual budget of over $11M. He also served part-time as Executive Director of the Canada AIDS Russia Project from 1998-2004, a $3.3 million research and training project funded by the Canadian International Development Agency. In recognition of his community service, in 2011 he was named to the Honour Role of the Ontario AIDS Network. In 2014, he was appointed as a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research. He is currently serving as Chair of CANFAR’s National Working Group on HIV & AIDS Research, a group of leading HIV researchers and community leaders from across Canada who are working together to develop and implement an action plan to end the HIV epidemic in Canada.

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**FRIDAY, MAY 31 / 10:45 - 12:15**

**Panel: International Economic Law II**

Chaired by Valerie Hughes, Adjunct Professor at Queen’s Law, former Director of the Appellate Body Secretariat of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and former Director of the Legal Affairs Division of the WTO

- **Julia Webster**, Law’13, Senior Associate, Borden Ladner Gervais and **Jacob Mantle**, Law’16, Associate, Borden Ladner Gervais
  - Playing by the rules? Safeguards and Steel Wars

- **Brandon Chung**, Law’17, Associate, Borden Ladner Gervais, Vancouver
  - Cogent Reasons for Respecting Precedent in WTO Dispute Settlement

- **Rambod Behboodi**, Partner, King & Spalding, Geneva
  - China, the United States, and the multilateral trading order: fastening our seatbelts for a bumpy road

- **Robert McDougall**, Director and Principal, Cadence Global
  - Settling Trade Disputes in a Turbulent Multipolar World

- **Faye Voight**, Law’18, Student-at-law, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin
  - Trade Agreements and Private Practice
Panelists

Julia Webster is a Canadian international trade and regulatory lawyer. She provides strategic advice and represents Canadian and international clients on matters relating to trade remedies, investment, customs, anti-corruption, export controls, procurement, economic sanctions, marking and labelling of goods and NAFTA and WTO matters. Julia is an experienced litigator and has appeared before Canadian administrative tribunals and superior and appellate courts. Julia received a Certificate in International Business Law from the Bader International Study Centre in 2011.

Jacob Mantle is an associate with Borden Ladner Gervais LLP in Toronto. Jacob practices international trade and investment law. He represents both Canadian and international clients in trade remedy and investment dispute litigation, including a recent NAFTA Chapter 11 investment arbitration. Jacob also provides strategic advice to businesses on customs compliance, and government clients on free trade agreements and WTO matters.

While attending Queen’s University, Faculty of Law, Jacob competed in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, Austria as well as pre-moots in Montréal, Washington, New York, Belgrade, and Budapest. Jacob also participated in an exchange with the National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law, and was the recipient of the WeirFoulds LLP Award in Remedies Law.

Prior to attending law school, Jacob was an elected Ward Councillor in the Township of Uxbridge, and worked in an advisory capacity to both a Federal and Provincial Member of Parliament.

Brandon Chung is an associate in the Commercial Litigation Group at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP in Vancouver. He maintains a general litigation and arbitration practice, with an emphasis on commercial disputes, civil appeals, and judicial review.

Brandon obtained his J.D. from Queen’s University, where he received a number of awards for academic excellence, including prizes in evidence, international economic law, tort law, and legal philosophy. He also competed in the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition on WTO law, in which his team placed second and he was named the top oralist of the worldwide grand finals.

Prior to joining BLG, Brandon clerked for two justices at the Court of Appeal for British Columbia. In July 2019, Brandon will take a leave of absence from the firm to clerk for the Honourable Justice Moldaver at the Supreme Court of Canada.

Rambod Behboodi is a Partner at King & Spalding LLP in Geneva. He has extensive experience as a trade litigator advising on and arguing NAFTA and WTO cases. He served on diplomatic postings to the WTO and the European Commission in Geneva and Brussels. As General Counsel, General Legal Services, Finance Canada, he advised on regulatory responses to the 2008 financial crisis, financial services trade negotiations, money laundering, and trade issues. He was Counsellor at the Rules Division of the WTO before joining K&S.

Rambod obtained his law degrees at the University of Toronto and articled in Toronto, where he worked on cases before the CITT, the Federal Court of Appeal and FTA panels. Called to the Bar of Ontario in 1994, he joined Canada’s diplomatic service as a trade lawyer, working on and arguing NAFTA and WTO cases, participating in multilateral environmental negotiations, and advising on issues including agricultural trade, subsidies and antidumping, export controls, and technical barriers to trade. Following two diplomatic postings, he served as Counsel in the Privy Council Office and joined Canada’s Finance Ministry as General Counsel, General Legal Services after the 2008 financial crisis.

As General Counsel, he was responsible for the provision of strategic and legal advice in respect of Finance Canada’s non-tax business lines: banking, including consumer protection, prudential oversight, and financial services trade; money laundering; customs and trade rules; the National Debt and related financial instruments and transactions; international financial institutions; and the National Budget.

As the Competition Bureau’s first Deputy Commissioner – Competition Promotion, Rambod was responsible for economic advocacy, international negotiations, strategic planning and communications. He established the Bureau’s first compliance program. In 2016, he joined the WTO as Counsellor in the Rules Division. He is the author of a book on international trade law and numerous articles and presentations on international law and international economic regulation, and has taught international economic and trade law in various universities in Canada and Europe.

He is an avid skier, photographer and travel-blogger, and speaks French and Farsi fluently.
Robert McDougall is Director and Principal at Cadence Global Ltd and a Senior Fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI). With over twenty years’ experience providing analysis, advice and advocacy related to the law and policy of the world trading system, he assists a variety of organisations on trade cooperation, negotiations and dispute settlement.

Previously, Robert was a trade lawyer and diplomat for fifteen years at Global Affairs Canada (formerly Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada). As a permanent delegate to the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and as Counsel in Canada’s Trade Law Bureau, he provided legal advice and appeared before panels and the Appellate Body in multiple disputes in which Canada was a party and a third party. As a permanent delegate to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris, he represented Canada in OECD activities relating to trade, agriculture, science, technology, industry, including major initiatives on innovation, digital economy and green growth.

Faye Voight is an articling student at Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP, Ottawa. She is a graduate of Queen’s University, Faculty of Law and Brock University, Faculty of Business. Prior to law school, Faye worked in the category management department of a multinational retailer. In this role, she negotiated with vendors, coordinated with a number of internal departments, and made strategic decisions to ensure the success of the product category.

Faye spent the Summer of 2016 completing the International Business Law program at the Bader International Study Center in the United Kingdom. This introduction to international law motivated her to compete in, and later coach, the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. This moot brings over 350 teams to Vienna, Austria, where Faye and her team received an honourable mention for their Claimant Memoranda.

Faye enjoys staying active, particularly by playing hockey and skiing. She also enjoys a sunny weekend in the Kawarthas and travelling every chance she gets.

Panel Chair

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 International 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.

FRIDAY, MAY 31 / 13:00 - 14:00
Keynote address by Stephen de Boer, Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the World Trade Organization

Stephen de Boer was appointed as Canada’s Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the World Trade Organization on August 21, 2017.

Mr. de Boer joined Global Affairs Canada in 2005 and has held various positions in the department, including in the Investment Trade Policy and North America Trade Policy Divisions. In 2006, he was named the Director of the Softwood Lumber Division. From 2008 to 2010, he served as the Director of the Oceans and Environmental Law Division and as Lead Counsel for Canada’s international climate change negotiations. In 2010, he joined Environment Canada as the Deputy Chief Negotiator for climate change and the Director General responsible for Canada’s international climate change negotiations and partnerships. Mr. de Boer returned to the department in 2013 as the Director General of the Trade Controls Bureau. In 2015, he was appointed Ambassador to Poland and in 2016, Ambassador to Belarus. Prior to joining the public service, he worked for the Government of Ontario.

Mr. de Boer has published and lectured on international trade and environmental issues.
including at the Faculty of Law at Western University, Ryerson University, and at the School of Law at Case Western Reserve University. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Canada-U.S. Law Institute. Mr. de Boer has a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws from Western University and a Master of Laws in International and Comparative Law from Georgetown University.

**FRIDAY, MAY 31 / 14:30 - 16:00**

**Panel: Transnational and International Criminal Law**

Chaired by Norman Farrell, Prosecutor, Special Tribunal for Lebanon

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**Katie Gustafson** is Senior Litigation Counsel, Enforcement Branch, with the Ontario Securities Commission. She was formerly the Senior Appeals Counsel with the Office of the Prosecutor of the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals (MICT) and led the Prosecution’s appeal proceedings in the Karadzic case. From 2005-2014 she was a lawyer with the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) where she worked on numerous ICTY trials and appeals.

Ms Gustafson completed an LL.B. at UBC in 2001, graduating as the Gold medallist. In 2001-2002 she clerked for Justice Iacobucci at the Supreme Court of Canada. From 2002-2004 she worked as an associate at the New York law firm Shearman and Sterling. In 2004-2005 she was a Hauser Global Scholar at New York University, where she completed an LL.M. with a specialization in international law.

**Melissa McKay** is the Junior Supervising Lawyer at the IJHR. She is an international lawyer, specialised in the integration of feminist legal theory and international criminal law as a means of developing stronger accountability measures for sexual violence in conflict and transitioning societies. Before joining the International Justice and Human Rights Clinic, she gained a diverse range of international legal experience, focusing primarily on gender equality and international criminal law. Most recently, she worked in the Office of the Co-Prosecutors at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, following the completion of her LL.M. at New York University. Prior to her LL.M., she gained field experience as a gender equality consultant in Rwanda and the Philippines. She additionally worked at the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in Kathmandu, Nepal, where she focused on the development of strategies for broadening women’s human rights in new democracies through collaborative programming with activists, lawyers, and members of the judiciary. She began her international legal career as an intern in the Trial Chambers of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, where she assisted in drafting the Vojislav Šešelj decision. She completed her articles of clerkship at a civil litigation firm in Ontario, where she appeared on matters before the Ontario Superior Court.

Melissa has also worked on a pro bono basis with the Center for Reproductive Rights’ Global Legal Program, UN Wom-
Susan Ficek is a lawyer and a former Deputy Director and Senior Counsel with the Ministry of the Attorney General, Criminal Division with over 30 years of experience. She has had carriage of number of complex criminal appeals and prosecutions and has appeared before all levels of court including the Supreme Court of Canada and Superior Court of Ontario. As Deputy Director for Prosecution Support, she had carriage of and assigned international requests for assistance under the Mutual Legal assistance in Criminal Matters Act. More recently as a member of the Criminal Asset Forfeiture Unit she was responsible for applications to restrain and seize proceeds of crime in Canada and abroad. She has also taught and lectured in the area of criminal law including the law related to search warrants and wiretaps.

Jodie Al-Mqbali completed her J.D. at Queen’s University in 2018. Prior to this, she graduated from the University of Ottawa, receiving her Bachelor of Social Sciences Joint Honours in Economics and Political Science.

During her studies at Queen’s University, Jodie participated in the Queen’s Legal Aid Clinic program, where she was responsible for providing legal assistance to qualifying members of the Kingston community.

Following her first year of studies, Jodie completed a summer program in public international law at the Bader International Study Centre in England. In her second year of law school, she participated in the Philip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition, where her team placed first in Canada and Jodie placed sixth best oralist in the Canadian rounds. Jodie then summered with the Queen’s Prison Law Clinic, where she was responsible for clients at four penitentiaries in Kingston and the surrounding area. She assisted clients with a range of legal matters including filing grievances and providing representation at Disciplinary Court and Parole Board of Canada Hearings.

Jodie has also worked as a Legal Intern in the Office of the Prosecutor (Appeals Division) at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY). Her work there included research relating to the Rwandan genocide and assessing fugitive case files, review of ICTY Trial and Appeal Chamber jurisprudence relating to Joint Criminal Enterprise, Crimes Against Humanity, and evidentiary standards, as well as preparation of training materials for military commanders.

Currently, Jodie is completing her articles as a Judicial Law Clerk at the Ontario Superior Court of Justice based in the East Region.

Prior to completing his law degree at Queen’s, Blake Van Santen earned an honours BA and an MA in history at Western University. At Queen’s, Blake was a member of the 2017 championship-winning Jessup Public International Law moot team. Blake was selected to participate in the inaugural semester of the International Trade Law Practicum and his team’s work on non-tariff barriers to trade in the East African Community was presented at the Society of International Economic Law Conference in 2018. Blake has also been published in the Cambridge Law Review for his work in the field of comparative constitutionalism. Having completed his articles with Canada’s Department of Justice, during which time he worked with both the Trade Law Bureau and War Crimes Section, Blake is currently interning at the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals in The Hague before he returns to Canada to clerk at the Federal Court of Appeal.

Panel Chair

Norman Farrell is the Prosecutor of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL). Prior to his appointment as the Prosecutor of the STL in March 2012, Mr. Farrell was the Deputy Prosecutor of the U.N. International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY). Before being appointed Deputy Prosecutor he held various positions in the ICTY, as well as being Senior Appeals Counsel for the Office of the Prosecutor at the U.N. International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR). Prior to working for the United Nations, Mr. Farrell was the Legal Advisor on International Criminal Law and International Humanitarian Law for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Geneva. He also worked as the ICRC’s Regional Legal Advisor for East Africa covering Ethiopia, Kenya and Tanzania, and spent 2 years in Sarajevo as a delegate with the ICRC. Prior to commencing his international law career, he worked for eight years as counsel in the Crown Law Office (Criminal) in Toronto and has argued before the Ontario Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Canada.

Mr. Farrell has a B.A. (Hons) and an LL.B. from Queen’s University and an LL.M. from Columbia University. Mr. Farrell has lectured extensively on IHL and international criminal law in various countries including the USA, Canada, Sweden, Bosnia, Cambodia and Indonesia.
FRIDAY, MAY 31 / 16:15 - 17:45
Panel: International Business Transactions

Chaired by Joshua Karton, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Queen’s University

Vanessa Grant, Law’95, Partner, Norton Rose Fullbright Canada

Analog Laws in a Digital World: International Contracting in a Business World with No Borders

Kaori Miyake, Law’95, Corporate Counsel, Johnson Controls

An In-house View of the Challenges and the Rewards of Negotiating International Business Transactions: A Report from Tokyo

Jeannette Tramhel, Law’87, Senior Legal Officer, Department of International Law, Secretariat of Legal Affairs, Organization of American States

Practical Experiences in Developing Legal Instruments

Martha Monterrosa, Law’12, Advisor to the Sanctions Officer, Inter-American Development Bank

Multilateral Development Banks and the Fight Against Fraud and Corruption in Development Projects – Investigations and Sanctions System

Panelists

Vanessa Grant is a Partner at Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP. She practises business law in the Toronto office. Her practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and corporate governance for public and private corporations, including private equity and venture capital. She also provides ongoing general corporate and commercial legal advice to a number of clients.

She has worked with several national and international clients in various industries, with a particular focus on technology companies, life sciences companies, and REITs.

Ms. Grant is currently the co-director of the Osgoode Hall part-time LLM in business law, and teaches corporate finance for the program.

She received an LL.B. at Queen’s University in 1995.

Kaori Miyake has been Corporate Counsel for Johnson Controls, a world leading Building Technology & Solutions provider, since 2017. In her role Kaori leads legal and compliance efforts in the company’s Japan operations. Prior to joining Johnson Controls, Kaori held progressively broader roles at FedEx, GE, Schneider Electric and Amazon. Prior to moving in-house, Kaori practiced at a Toronto firm of Cassels Brock and Blackwell. A seasoned generalist with over 20 years of advising diverse industries, Kaori has been valued as a unique and bold interface between linguistic, cultural and legal divides. Kaori holds J.D. from Queen’s University, Dipl. S.L.S. from University of Ottawa and B.A. Law from Carleton University and Rikkyo University in Tokyo.

Jeannette M.E. Tramhel is a Senior Legal Officer with the Department of International Law of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs at the Organization of American States (OAS). She is responsible for matters related to private international law and serves the OAS in its work in this field through support to the political organs (Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs) and the legal advisory body (Inter-American Juridical Committee) and in the management of technical assistance projects carried out in partnership with OAS Member States embarking upon legislative implementation and domestic law reforms.

Jeannette holds a Master of Laws in International and Comparative Law (LL.M., with distinction) from Georgetown University and an LL.B. from Queen’s University; she is a member of the bar in New York and Ontario. Jeannette has worked with the secretariat of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), with the Government of Canada and has practiced and taught international trade and business law. She also holds degrees in Environmental Design and Agriculture and has worked as an international development professional in partnership with communities in Southeast Asia, Africa, Central America and the Caribbean to orchestrate projects that emphasize a community-based, participatory process; her passion is the use of law as an effective instrument for sustainable development.
Martha Monterrosa currently works for the Office of the Sanctions Officer at the Inter-American Development Bank based in Washington, DC. She advises the Sanctions Officer in connection with the review and disposition of fraud and corruption cases in the adjudicative phase of the IDB Group’s Sanctions System. She previously worked as a litigation consultant in the Integrity Vice Presidency of the World Bank Group, which investigates and pursues sanctions related to fraud and corruption allegations in WBG-financed projects. Martha also completed a fellowship with the World Bank’s Legal department, researching the institution’s strategy to governance and anti-corruption in development projects. Prior to this, Martha worked as a litigation associate in a national full-service commercial law firm in Calgary, Alberta, where she gained experience in employment litigation, internal investigations and business integrity cases, including CFPOA/FCPA and white-collar crime cases. Martha has a BSc from McGill University, JD/MPA from Queen’s University, where she earned a Certificate in Public International Law (first class honours) at the Bader International Study Centre, and an LLM (International Legal Studies) from New York University.

Panel Chair

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).

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