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The Hard Edge of Soft Law - The Real Impact of Customary International Law and Soft Law in Canada



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Now in its sixth year, the CBA International Law Conference brings together leading international law experts to give practitioners insight into the most current developments in international law.

This one day seminar will focus on topics of interest to practitioners in the areas of trade and investment, international dispute resolution, international business law and human rights and labour law.

The conference will feature a prominent keynote speaker and will provide an opportunity to meet and mingle at a closing cocktail reception at the Toronto Marriott Bloor Yorkville.

Cette année marque la sixième année que la Conférence de l'ABC en droit international rassemble d'éminents experts en droit international qui offrent aux juristes un aperçu des développements les plus récents dans ce champ du droit.

Le séminaire d'une journée complète est axé sur des sujets qui intéressent les avocats et avocates se spécialisant en commerce et investissements, règlement de différends internationaux, droit international des affaires, droit de la personne et droit du travail.

Lors de la conférence, un conférencier de renom fera un exposé et vous aurez l'occasion de rencontrer vos collègues à la réception de clôture à l'hôtel Marriott Bloor Yorkville de Toronto.

Ce programme est offert uniquement en anglais.



Program Agenda

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2008

8:30 | 9:00 am **Registration**

9:00 | 9:05 **Opening Comments by Conference Co-Chairs**
Paul Lalonde, Heenan Blaikie LLP, Toronto
Monique Pongracic-Speier, Schroeder Speier, Vancouver

9:05 | 10:15 **Plenary Session**

Framework issues concerning soft law norms and custom
What are they, what role do they play in law and what are the emerging issues?

Speakers:

Professor Jutta Brunnee, University of Toronto Law School, Toronto
Hon. Donald Johnston, P.C., O.C., Q.C., Heenan Blaikie LLP, Montréal, former Secretary General of the OECD

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10:15 | 10:30 **Refreshment Break**

10:30 | 12:00 **Plenary Session**

Reception and application issues
The role of custom and soft law in dispute resolution in or involving Canada.

Speakers:

Matthew Kronby, General Counsel, Trade Law Bureau, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Ottawa
Hon. Marc Lalonde, PC, OC, QC, Sole Practitioner, Montréal
Marie-Claire Cordonnier Segger, Centre for International Sustainable Development Law, Montréal

12:00 | 1:30 **Lunch**

1:30 | 3:15 **Concurrent Sessions**

CONCURRENT SESSIONS		
<p>Understanding the impact of custom and soft law norms on labour standards in Canada and on Canadian entities</p>	<p>Trade and investment workshop: the “Venedor” scenario</p>	<p>Customary international law in Canadian courts: Litigating claims for breaches of corporate social responsibility obligations abroad</p>
<p>Moderator - TBC</p> <p>Global compact and corporate social responsibility Brian Burkett, Heenan Blaikie LLP, Toronto</p> <p>Application of custom and soft law to women’s labour rights in Canada Mary Cornish, Cavalluzzo Hayes Shilton McIntyre & Cornish LLP, Toronto</p> <p>General impact of custom and soft law on public interest litigation in Canada Steven Shrybman, Sack Goldblatt Mitchell, Ottawa</p>	<p>Moderator: John Boscariol, McCarthy Tétrault LLP, Toronto</p> <p>The impact of soft law on investment in Ecuador and Bolivia Roque Bernardo Bustamante, Bustamante & Bustamante, Quito, Ecuador</p> <p>Which law would an arbitral tribunal apply to “Venedor” and how: The question of precedent and role of arbitral decisions in international investment arbitration as a form of soft law Ian Laird, Fulbright & Jaworksi LLP, Washington, DC</p> <p>Protect, respect and remedy: Soft law, customary law, and conventional law in reconciling host country and investor interests in “Venedor” Noemi Gal-Or, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Surrey</p>	<p>Moderator: Robert Wisner, McMillan LLP, Toronto</p> <p>Stéphane Beaulac, Université de Montréal, Montréal</p> <p>John Keefe, Goodmans, LLP, Toronto</p> <p>John Terry, Torsys, LLP, Toronto</p>

3:15 | 3:30

Refreshment Break

3:30 | 4:15

Keynote Address

4:15

Closing Remarks

4:30 | 6:00

Closing Cocktail Reception
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2008

9:00 | 4:00 pm

Section Business Meeting

Heenan Blaikie (200 Bay Street South Tower, Royal Bank Plaza)

CBA International Law Section Members and Executive
 All Section members are invited to join the Executive Committee at the International Law Section business meeting. Section updates, planning for the upcoming year and other items of interest to members will be discussed at the meeting.

Speakers subject to change

Registration Form

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www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/yyzmc-toronto-marriott-bloor-yorkville-hotel/

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