2009 National Aboriginal Law Conference

Overlapping Territorial Claims: Models for Dispute Resolution and Business Structures

June 12-13, 2009
Delta Victoria Ocean Pointe Resort Hotel and Spa, Victoria, BC

Friday, June 12

8:15am – 8:45am  Registration – Ballroom Foyer

“All conference sessions to take place in the Ascot Room”

8:45am – 9:00am  Opening Remarks by Conference Co-Chairs

Krista Robertson, Woodward & Company, Victoria
Jim Reynolds, Ratcliff & Company LLP, Vancouver

Opening Welcome

Frank George Sr., Councillor, Songhees Nation

9:00am – 10:45am  Working With Overlaps in the Modern Treaty Context

Moderator: Krista Robertson, Woodward & Company, Victoria

Indigenous Legal Models on Overlap Resolution
Sarah Morales, University of Victoria

Negotiating Protocol Agreements for Treaty Overlap Areas
Murray Browne, Woodward & Company, Victoria

British Columbia Treaty Commission (BCTC) Initiatives to Address Overlaps in Treaty Settlements
Chief Commissioner Sophie Pierre, BC Treaty Commission

Case Law on Modern Treaty Overlap Litigation
Christopher Devlin, Devlin Gailus, Victoria
Overlaps in the Modern Treaty Context: The Federal Government Perspective
Mark E.W. East, Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, Treaties and Aboriginal Government

10:45am – 11:00am Refreshment Break

11:00am – 12:30pm Working With Overlaps in the Aboriginal Rights and Title Context

Moderator: Krista Robertson, Woodward & Company, Victoria

Indigenous Legal Approaches to Overlaps
Professor John Borrows, University of Victoria

Negotiated Models in Practice
Greg McDade, Q.C., Ratcliff & Company LLP, Vancouver

Negotiated Models in Practice – The Tsilhqotin Experience
David Robbins, Woodward & Company, Victoria

Third Party Dispute Resolution: Models
Stuart Rush, Q.C., Rush Crane Guenther, Vancouver

12:30pm – 1:45 pm Luncheon with Keynote Speaker, Thomas R. Berger, O.C., Q.C., Berger & Company, Vancouver
*Harbour Room*

1:45pm – 2:45pm Solicitors Issues I: Solving Overlaps
Moderator: Gary Campo, Woodward & Company, Victoria

Roundtable on the Challenges of Solving Overlaps for Solicitors
Jim Reynolds, Ratcliff & Company LLP, North Vancouver
Merrill Shepard, Donovan & Co, Vancouver
Bill Maclagan, Blake, Cassells & Graydon LLP, Vancouver
Peter Ranson, KPMG, Prince George

Business Structures
Jim Reynolds, Ratcliff & Company LLP, North Vancouver
Merrill Shepard, Donovan & Co, Vancouver

2:45pm – 3:00pm Refreshment Break

3:00pm – 4:00pm Solicitors Issues II: Solving Overlaps

Moderator: Gary Campo, Woodward & Company, Victoria

Taxation of Business Structures
Bill Maclagan, Blake, Cassells & Graydon LLP, Vancouver
Peter Ranson, KPMG, Prince George

Roundtable on Resolving the Challenges of Business Structures
Jim Reynolds, Ratcliff & Company LLP, North Vancouver
Merrill Shepard, Donovan & Co, Vancouver
Bill Maclagan, Blake, Cassells & Graydon LLP, Vancouver
Peter Ranson, KPMG, Prince George

4:30pm – 6:00pm Cocktail Reception, Delta Victoria Ocean Pointe Resort Hotel and Spa
Sponsored by Devlin Gailus

Saturday, June 13

8:45am Registration

9:00am – 10:15am Accommodation Agreements and Overlaps

Moderator: JoAnn Jamieson, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, Calgary

Negotiating Accommodation Agreements
Ming Song, McDonald & Company, Vancouver

Business Arrangements with First Nations: Going Beyond "Impacts" and "Benefits"
Caroline Findlay, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, Vancouver

Enbridge's Aboriginal Engagement Program
Public, Government & Aboriginal Affairs Speaker TBC

10:15am – 10:30am Refreshment Break

10:30am – 11:30am McKenzie Valley Pipeline Case Study

Moderator: Merrill Shepard, Donovan & Co, Vancouver

The Formation of the Aboriginal Pipeline Group
Bob Reid, President of Aboriginal Pipeline Group, Calgary

Representing Aboriginal Land Owners Along the Route of the Mackenzie Gas Project
Rick Hardy, Legal Counsel for Tulita District Land Corporation

11:30am – 12:00pm Overlapping Aboriginal Title Claims: The Australian Experience
Justice John Mansfield, Federal Court of Australia, Chair of the Native Title Committee of Judges of the Court

12:00pm – 12:15pm Closing Comments by Conference Co-chairs