

# 100 YEARS OF BANKRUPTCY AND INSOLVENCY LAW, 1920 - 2020: REFLECTIONS ON THE PAST AND CHALLENGES FOR THE FUTURE

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# Keynote Speaker

## Justice Sarah Pepall

(Ontario Court of Appeal)

Justice Sarah E. Pepall is a member of the Court of Appeal for Ontario. She previously served as a judge of the Superior Court of Justice where she was the Team Leader of the Commercial List.

She also was the President of the Ontario Superior Court Judges' Association from 2006 to 2008. She was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1978 and obtained her B.A. and law degree from McGill University and a Masters of Law in Public Law from Osgoode Hall Law School. Prior to her appointment to the Superior Court, she was a partner at McMillan Binch where she practised civil and commercial litigation and was active in management including serving as the firm's Managing Partner.



# Day 1 Welcome and Opening Remarks

## Dean Erika Chamberlain

(Western University)

Erika Chamberlain was appointed Dean of Law in May 2017, following five years as Associate Dean (Academic). She graduated as gold medalist from Western Law in 2001 and then obtained her doctorate from the University of Cambridge. Chamberlain has authored numerous published works on tort law, with a particular focus on the tort liability of public authorities. Professor Chamberlain is a founding member of Western's Tort Law Research Group and was a co-organizer of the Sixth Biennial Conference on the Law of Obligations in 2012. In 2019, she became the General Editor of the *Canadian Cases on the Law of Torts*. Chamberlain has also published extensively in the field of impaired driving law and alcohol-related civil liability, and has provided research and advocacy to MADD Canada since 1999. Her work in this field has been cited by the Supreme Court of Canada, and has influenced legislative amendments at the federal level and in several Canadian provinces and territories.



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# Day 2 Opening Speaker

## Iain Ramsay

(University of Kent)

Professor Iain Ramsay holds law degrees from the University of Edinburgh and McGill University, Montreal, Canada and has taught in both England and Canada. From 1986-2007 he was a Professor at Osgoode Hall Law School, and has been a visiting Professor at various universities across the globe. Professor Ramsay conducted ground-breaking empirical research on personal insolvency in Canada, and was a member of the Canadian Personal Insolvency Task Force (2000-2002). He has written extensively on consumer credit, comparative consumer insolvency and is co-author of the *World Bank Report on the Treatment of the Insolvency of Natural Persons* (2013). He has published widely on consumer law, consumer credit and insolvency, authoring or editing 12 books and over 70 articles or chapters. He has delivered invited and keynote addresses on consumer law and policy and insolvency in many countries throughout the world. He is an elected member of the International Insolvency Institute and the American Law Institute.



# Day 2 Closing Remarks

## Elisabeth Lang

(Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada)

Elisabeth Lang was appointed Superintendent of Bankruptcy for a five-year term, effective October 7, 2018. Prior to that, Elisabeth worked at the Competition Bureau Canada as Associate Deputy Commissioner, Deceptive Marketing Practices and, from March 2016 to April 2018, as Chief of Staff to the Commissioner of Competition. From 2007 to 2016, Elisabeth was Deputy Superintendent, Program Policy and Regulatory Affairs with the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy (OSB), where, as part of the executive team, she was responsible for regulations and directives pursuant to Canadian insolvency legislation, the establishment of national policies and processes, training, licensing, compliance and litigation matters. Elisabeth joined the OSB following three years at the Department of Justice as Legal Counsel with the Insolvency Law Group of Industry Canada Legal Services. Prior to joining the federal government, Elisabeth spent seven years as a commercial litigator in private practice.



# Conference Participants

## Mica Arlette

(PwC Canada)

Mica Arlette is a partner in the PwC Deals practice based in Toronto, specializing in corporate advisory and restructuring. He has over 20 years of restructuring and insolvency experience on mandates across North America, South America, the UK and Europe. Mica has worked on cross-border and transnational insolvencies and restructurings under Canadian CCAA, receivership and bankruptcy proceedings, U.S. Chapter 11 reorganizations, out-of-court restructurings and workouts, as well as supporting litigation of insolvency-related claims. He has represented debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, and potential investors focused on distressed situations. His experience spans many industries including construction, real estate, oil and gas, manufacturing, pulp and paper, printing, retail, automotive, and telecommunications. Mica graduated with a BCom (Honours) from Queen's University. He is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA), a Chartered Insolvency and Restructuring Practitioner and a Licensed Insolvency Trustee.



## Michael Baigel

(Baigel Corp.)

Michael Baigel is the founder of Baigel Corp. Michael is a federally Licensed Insolvency Trustee, and uniquely in Canada, he is also an exam qualified UK Insolvency Practitioner. He is a Chartered Insolvency and Restructuring Professional (CIRP), Canada; a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales; a Fellow of the Insolvency Practitioners Association (UK) and has a BA (Honours) degree in Economics. Michael provides expert corporate recovery expertise gained from his experience of assisting thousands of small and owner managed businesses over three decades in both Canada and the UK. Michael was a member of the exam licensing committee for Licensed Insolvency Trustee candidates in Canada for many years and a peer reviewer of the Insolvency Counsellor's Qualification Course. Michael has presented on insolvency and restructuring issues to several professional associations and he is also an occasional columnist for the Construction Economist, Journal of the Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors.



# Conference Participants

## Annie Claude Beauchemin

(Robinson Sheppard Shapiro s.e.n.c.r.l./LLP)

Annie Claude Beauchemin is a partner at Robinson Sheppard Shapiro and is part of the commercial litigation team. She specializes in insolvency and restructuring, as well as construction law. Annie Claude represents receivers, trustees, suppliers and debtors in insolvency matters, as well as secured creditors enforcing their securities. In addition to representing companies involved in commercial proceedings, her expertise is sought for complex construction matters. More recently, her skills were solicited for insolvency files in the liquidation or restructuring of construction businesses. For several years, she has been participating in drafting legal literature, especially in the fields of property security interests and civil procedure. She is also a sought-after speaker on topics relating to bankruptcy and insolvency.



## Stephanie Ben-Ishai

(Osgoode Hall Law School)

Professor Stephanie Ben-Ishai is a Distinguished Research Professor and Full Professor at Osgoode Hall Law School, where she engages in research and teaching on bankruptcy, contract, commercial law, and financial crises. She has authored or co-authored nine books and more than 50 refereed articles, including seminal and innovative texts on bankruptcy and contract law. She holds her LLB from Osgoode Hall Law School, and her LLM from Harvard Law School, where she studied as a Fulbright Scholar and SSHRC Doctoral Scholar as well as receiving the American Bankruptcy Institute Medal of Excellence on graduation.



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## Tamara Buckwold

(University of Alberta)

Tamara Buckwold is a Professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta, teaching and publishing in the areas of commercial law and contracts. She is active in commercial law reform and has influenced the enactment of legislation through projects addressing reform of judgment enforcement law and the law of fraudulent conveyances and preferences, and amendment of the *Personal Property Security Act*. She has lectured at the national civil law seminars of the National Judicial Institute and in various other continuing legal education programs and is a former executive member and Chair of the Board of the Legal Education Society of Alberta.



## Chris Burr

(Blake, Cassels, & Graydon LLP)

Chris's practice focuses on corporate restructuring, insolvency litigation and debt enforcement, including domestic and cross-border debt financing, distressed mergers and acquisitions, financial restructurings, and debtor-in-possession (DIP) financings. Chris regularly acts for secured creditors, court-appointed officers, debtor companies and other stakeholders in multi-party court supervised insolvency matters, and has significant experience as counsel to lenders and other creditors in complex out-of-court debt restructurings. Chris's practice also involves advising lenders, contractors, property owners and other industry participants in connection with construction disputes. Chris took time away from Blakes in 2012 and 2013 to work as general counsel at a venture capital company, where he advised on the structuring of start-up and pre-market acquisitions, bridge financing and regulatory matters.



# Conference Participants

## Laura Coordes

(Arizona State University)

Laura Coordes's research focuses on bankruptcy and financial distress and includes commercial law, large corporate reorganizations, and local government finance and policy. She teaches Chapter 11 Bankruptcy, Advanced Bankruptcy, Secured Transactions, and Contracts. Professor Coordes is an active member of the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) and was recently named to the 2020 Class of ABI's 40 Under 40, which recognizes rising young insolvency professionals. Professor Coordes serves on the board of the American Bankruptcy Law Journal and is an Honorary Master of the Arizona Bankruptcy American Inn of Court. Professor Coordes received her J.D. with honors from The University of Chicago Law School, where she was a Bradley Fellow and served on The University of Chicago Law Review. She completed a legal fellowship at the Student Press Law Center after receiving her degree. Before coming to the College of Law, Professor Coordes practiced in the Business, Finance and Restructuring Department at Weil, Gotshal & Manges in New York.



## Ronald Cuming

(University of Saskatchewan)

Professor Ron Cuming has over 50 years of professional experience as a professor of commercial law and more than 30 years of experience as an international consultant, with expertise in secured financing, leasing and insolvency law. He joined the University of Saskatchewan Faculty of Law in 1966. He was visiting professor at the University of British Columbia in 1972-74 and Assistant Dean of the College 1974-76. He served as Chairperson of the Saskatchewan Law Reform Commission, 1978-82. He received a USSU Teaching Excellence Award in 1992-93, the University of Saskatchewan Distinguished Researcher Award in 1998 and the College of Law Teaching Award in 2007. In 2015, Professor Cuming received the Lifetime Achievement Award - National Bankruptcy and Restructuring Section from the Canadian Bar Association.





# Conference Participants

## Anthony Duggan

(University of Toronto)

Tony Duggan was appointed to the Faculty of Law in 1999. Previously, he held the Henry Bournes Higgins Chair in Law at Monash University, Victoria, Australia and before that he was on the Faculty of Law at the University of Melbourne. He was Associate Dean at the University of Toronto from 2002-2004 and Sub-Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Melbourne from 1980-1983. He held the Honourable Frank H. Iacobucci Chair in Capital Markets Regulation at the University of Toronto from 2000 until his retirement in 2020. Prior to retiring, Professor Duggan taught Secured Transactions, Bankruptcy Law and Trusts. He has published widely in these areas and also in the areas of contract law, consumer credit and consumer protection. Professor Duggan is the Editor-in-Chief of the *Canadian Business Law Journal*.



## David Freedman

(Queen's University)

David Freedman is an Associate Professor at Queen's Law. He earned his LLB at Osgoode before obtaining postgraduate degrees (MA, PhD) at Oxford and Cambridge, respectively. Professor Freedman has taught trusts, wills and estates, estate litigation, civil procedure, and trial advocacy, subjects about which he has published extensively. Professor Freedman maintains a practice with Wagner Sidlofsky LLP in Toronto. He practices in the areas in which his teaching and scholarship are concentrated—trusts and estates litigation, and disputes respecting capacity; complementary academic and practice work strengthens his areas of expertise and helps keep him current. David is also a certified Specialist in Estates & Trust Law by the Law Society of Ontario. David has extensive experience in litigation at the trial and appeal levels and in arbitrations. He regularly appears as a speaker in educational events for lawyers, judges, and other professionals.



# Conference Participants

## Jasmine Girgis

(University of Calgary)

Professor Jasmine Girgis researches and writes in the areas of director and officer liability, bankruptcy and restructuring law, and contract law. Her research focuses on corporate restructuring and director and officer liability in addition to corporate rescue and its intersection with law and economics and with the public interest. She has received numerous fellowships and grants, including Stikeman Elliott LLP's Research Fellowships in Corporate Law and Foundation for Legal Research Grants for her work on the oppression remedy, fraudulent conveyances, reconciling private commercial interests with bankruptcy priorities, and "going concern value" in corporate restructurings. Jasmine also received the INSOL Scholar Fellowship for work on the status of employees as vulnerable creditors in bankruptcies and the Lloyd Houlden Research Fellowship for her work on director and officer liability to creditors during insolvency. Jasmine has presented and published widely, in Canada and internationally, she has been retained as an expert witness, and she authors several chapters in the materials used in contract and bankruptcy law classes across Canada.



## Jason Harris

(University of Sydney)

Jason teaches and researches in the areas of Corporate Law, Insolvency Law, Commercial Law and Contracts. Jason's research is focused on the public and private regulation of financially distressed companies, including debt restructuring, voluntary administration, corporate governance and directors' duties during financial distress and the regulation of corporate groups. Jason has published extensively on a diverse range of research areas such as corporate debt restructuring and workouts, corporate insolvency and international and comparative insolvency law, personal liability imposed on company directors, regulation of corporate groups and veil piercing, shareholder and creditor roles in corporate governance, and the *Personal Property Securities Act*. Additionally, Jason is an editorial board member of the *Australian Journal of Corporate Law*. Jason has also served as a member of several associations where he provided his expertise on matters related to Insolvency Law, Reconstruction Law, and Corporate Law issues.



# Conference Participants

## Calvin Ho

(Laishley Reed LLP)

Calvin J. Ho is a partner at Laishley Reed, practicing in the area of bankruptcy and insolvency law, and commercial litigation. Mr. Ho has advised and represented Canadian and international financial institutions and other lenders, secured and unsecured creditors, licensed insolvency professionals, debtors, and individual clients on a broad range of commercial and consumer bankruptcy and insolvency and litigation matters. Mr. Ho regularly attends on behalf of clients before the Bankruptcy Court, where he has particular expertise, and the Commercial List, and has successfully appeared before administrative tribunals and all levels of the Ontario Court, including the Court of Appeal. Mr. Ho also has experience in other areas of law relating to financial services and he is regularly called upon for speaking engagements and presentations at industry conferences and seminars, and to clients. He is also a past instructor of a Law Society of Upper Canada Bar Admission Course and a part-time lecturer in Business Law at York University.



## Master May Jean

(Ontario Superior Court of Justice)

Master Jean was appointed Deputy Registrar in Bankruptcy of the Superior Court of Justice in 2000 and Registrar in Bankruptcy of the Superior Court of Justice in 2002. Master Jean was appointed as a Master in 2005 at which time Master Jean was assigned to the civil court. In January, 2012, Master Jean was reassigned by the Chief Justice to sit exclusively in Bankruptcy Court and she has continued to sit in this capacity to date. Master Jean is a member or former member of various legal organizations including the Advocates Society and the Canadian Bar Association. She has served as a member of the Ontario Bar Association's Government Relations Committee and as a member of the Executive of the Ontario Bar Association - Civil Litigation Section, during which time she acted as co-programme coordinator. Master Jean has participated as a writer or speaker in various continuing legal education programmes held by trade/industry associations and organizations, including the Ontario Bar Association, the Law Society of Upper Canada and CAIRP/OAIRP.



# Conference Participants

## Richard B. Jones

(Pendragon Advisors)

Mr. Jones is a graduate of the University of Toronto and Harvard Law School. For over 40 years, Mr. Jones was a senior counsel and advisor in Canadian insolvency and restructuring cases from across Canada. Called to the bars of Ontario and Alberta, he has participated in cornerstone cases of the modern era of the CCAA. The Supreme Court of Canada has cited with approval Mr. Jones' writing on the evolution of CCAA restructuring practices in Canada. At Queen's University Law School, Mr. Jones established courses in creditors' remedies and bankruptcy law. He has been the legal advisor to the National Insolvency Examination of the Canadian Association of Insolvency Professionals and the Superintendent of Bankruptcy of Canada has engaged him as an examiner for the final oral examination in the licencing of insolvency trustees. Now retired as a lawyer, he consults for businesses, public institutions, and others respecting their management, financial, succession, and corporate planning issues.



## Jason Kilborn

(University of Illinois at Chicago)

Professor Kilborn is a leading authority on the comparative law and policy of individual insolvency. He has published extensively on comparative bankruptcy for consumers and the individual, international cooperation in cross-border business bankruptcy and restructuring. He is a national reporter and co-editor of a series of detailed comparative analyses of business reorganization practices around the world. He has advised several national governments on personal insolvency reforms, he was appointed an Advisory Commissioner of the Seoul (Korea) Bankruptcy Court's Administrative Committee, and he has served as a short-term consultant on several World Bank Group advisory projects. Professor Kilborn chaired the drafting group for the World Bank's landmark 2013 Report on the Treatment of the Insolvency of Natural Persons, and he drafted the World Bank Group's 2018 report on small business bankruptcy. Professor Kilborn is an elected member of the International Insolvency Institute. Professor Kilborn also teaches Bankruptcy, Civil Procedure, Secured Transactions, Business Associations, and Payment Systems.



# Conference Participants

## Justice Lynne Leitch

(Ontario Superior Court of Justice)

Justice Lynne C. Leitch practiced commercial law after graduating from Western Law in 1978. She was appointed to the Superior Court of Ontario in 1992. In November 2003, the Minister of Justice appointed her a Regional Senior Judge and she served in that position until November 2009. She is a Past President of the Canadian Superior Courts Judges' Association. As the nominee of the Chief Justice of Ontario, she serves as Chair of the Judicial Advisory Committee for South and West Ontario. She has participated in a number of international projects and is a member of the Judicial Advisory Committee to the Commissioner for Federal Judicial Affairs on International Engagement. She is a member of Council and a Regional Vice-President of the Commonwealth Magistrates' and Judges' Association and Chair of its Gender Section. She also serves on the Advisory Board for the Global Judicial Integrity Network – United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.



## Anna Lund

(University of Alberta)

Anna Lund is an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Law. She researches and teaches in the areas of bankruptcy and insolvency, debtor creditor law, civil procedure, and access to justice. Her book, *Trustees at Work: Financial Pressures, Emotional Labour, and Canadian Bankruptcy Law* was published in December 2019 by the University of British Columbia Press. Dr Lund is the recipient of the Faculty of Law's Tevie H Miller Teaching Award and the University of Alberta Award for Outstanding Mentorship in Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities. She continues to practice on a pro bono basis through the Edmonton Community Legal Centre and the Court of Queen's Bench Amicus Program.



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## Gerard McCormack

(University of Leeds)

Gerard McCormack is the Professor of International Business Law at the University of Leeds in the UK and a Visiting Professor at the University of Vaasa in Finland. He has held other Professorial positions including at Manchester and Essex and has been a visiting Professor at the National University of Singapore and Singapore Management University. He has considerable experience of working on law reform projects including in Hong Kong and recently for the European Commission on the reform and harmonization of insolvency law in Europe. He has led a team from the University of Leeds in a research project with the University of Wuhan that looks at “Boosting growth through strengthening investor and creditor protection in China: How China can learn from the UK experience”.



## Chris Nicholls

(Western University)

Christopher C. Nicholls holds the W. Geoff Beattie Chair in Corporate Law and is Director of Business Law at Western Law as well as Co-Director of Western University's Interdisciplinary Centre for Financial Innovation and Risk Management (CFIRM). He has held visiting appointments at several leading universities in Canada and internationally and has acted as a consultant to private law firms and government and regulatory agencies and as an expert witness. Professor Nicholls has also served on several panels and editorial boards in Canada and the United States. He is the author or co-author of seven books and numerous articles in the fields of corporate law, corporate finance, securities regulation and the regulation of financial institutions. His work has been cited by Canadian securities commissions and many Canadian courts including the Supreme Court of Canada.



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## Alfonso Nocilla

(Western University)

Co-Convenor

Alfonso joined Western Law as an Assistant Professor in 2018. Previously, he was a Visiting Professor and Catalyst Capital Fellow in Insolvency Law at Western, and a Research Fellow at the University of Florence. His research focuses on commercial and insolvency law, with emphasis on comparative and empirical approaches. His work has influenced insolvency law reforms in the European Union and has been cited favourably by several courts, including the Supreme Court of Canada.



## John Pottow

(University of Michigan)

John A. E. Pottow, the John Philip Dawson Collegiate Professor of Law, is an internationally recognized expert in the field of commercial law. His award-winning scholarship concentrates on the issues involved in the regulation of cross-border insolvencies as well as consumer financial distress, and his extensive public service work focuses on international trade and pro bono representation of bankrupt debtors. On behalf of the United States, Professor Pottow serves on the delegation to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and the State Department's Advisory Committee on Private International Law. He co-authors of one of the leading bankruptcy textbooks in the country in addition to his published works in prominent legal journals in the United States and Canada. An oft-invited lecturer, he has presented his works at academic conferences around the world and frequently provides commentary for national and international media outlets. He is an elected member of the American Law Institute, American College of Bankruptcy, and International Insolvency Institute.



# Conference Participants

## Janis Sarra

(University of British Columbia)

Dr. Sarra is Professor of Law at the Peter A. Allard School of Law and founding Director of the National Centre for Business Law. She served as Associate Dean until 2007 and was the Executive Director of the Wall Institute for Advanced Studies. She has published twelve books and more than one hundred refereed articles in corporate finance, corporate governance and management, securities law, climate finance and governance, and commercial insolvency law. She served as Senator of the UBC; was previously Director of the Canadian Insolvency Foundation; Director of the Canadian Insolvency and Restructuring Professionals Association; and is currently a Director of the International Insolvency Institute. For more than twelve years, Dr. Sarra served as a commercial arbitrator and labour mediator/arbitrator. She is a member of the Canadian Government Delegation to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) WG 5. She holds five degrees from the University of Toronto in Political Science, Economics and Law.



## Saul Schwartz

(Carleton University)

Saul Schwartz is a professor in the School of Public Policy and Administration at Carleton University in Ottawa. Professor Schwartz obtained his doctorate in Economics at the University of Wisconsin. His research areas of interest include social policy, the economics of education, consumer debt, policy evaluation, behavioural economics, and labour economics. In addition to his speaking engagements at several international conferences, Professor Schwartz's extensive list of publications have made valuable contributions to a diverse array of disciplines. Improving the economic position of low-income people has been a consistent interest of Professor Schwartz. Additionally, he is currently editing a book of essays on the personal debts that citizens owe to governments: criminal justice fines and fees, local taxes and student loans. This will be the first book to bring together papers analyzing a range of debts owed to the government. Another relatively new line of research for Professor Schwartz includes public procurement as a way to foster social and environmental goals.





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## Thomas Telfer

(Western University)

Co-Convenor

Thomas Telfer is a Professor of Law at Western University in London, Ontario. Professor Telfer has published widely in the fields of bankruptcy law and legal history. He is the author of *Ruin and Redemption: A Struggle for Canadian Bankruptcy Law, 1867-1919* (University of Toronto Press, 2014). Professor Telfer is co-author, with Virginia Torrie of the forthcoming work: *Debt and Federalism: Landmark Cases in Canadian Bankruptcy and Insolvency Law, 1894-1937* (UBC Press, forthcoming 2021). He is co-editor with Stephanie Ben-Ishai of *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Law in Canada: Cases, Materials, and Problems* (Irwin Law, 2019). He is a member of the Editorial Advisory Board for the *Canadian Business Law Journal*, and the *New Zealand Law Review*.



## Virginia Torrie

(University of Manitoba)

Dr. Virginia Torrie is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba. She is the author of *Reinventing Bankruptcy Law: A History of the Companies' Creditor Arrangement Act*, published by University of Toronto Press in 2020. Dr. Torrie holds JD and LLM degrees from Osgoode Hall of York University, and a PhD from Kent Law School, University of Kent. Her current research interests include the history of Canadian business restructuring from the Great Depression through to the 21st century. She is the recipient of the Faculty of Law's Award for Teaching Excellence in 2017 and the University of Manitoba Merit Awards for Teaching in 2018 and Service in 2019. Dr. Torrie serves as Editor-in-Chief of the *Banking & Finance Law Review*.



# Conference Participants

## Catherine Walsh

(McGill University)

Catherine Walsh teaches and writes principally in the areas of secured transactions and private international law, especially the comparative and international dimensions of these subjects. She is the co-author, with Ronald Cuming and Roderick Wood, of the successive editions of *Personal Property Security Law* (Toronto: Irwin) and a contributing co-author of the successive editions of *Private International Law in Common Law Canada: Cases, Text and Materials* (Toronto: Emond-Montgomery). She has actively contributed to a diversity of national and international reform initiatives, including participating as a member of the Canadian delegation to the UNCITRAL Working Group charged with the development of a series of multilateral harmonizing instruments in the field of secured transactions law. She is currently a member of the UNIDROIT Factoring Model Law Working Group.



## Roderick Wood

(University of Alberta)

Roderick J Wood is the F.R. (Dick) Matthews Q.C. Professor of Business Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Alberta. He is the author of a treatise on Canadian bankruptcy and insolvency law, has co-authored books on secured transactions law in Canada and New Zealand. Professor Wood serves as a Board Member of the Alberta Law Reform Institute and is currently a co-editor of the *Journal of the Insolvency Institute of Canada*. He is the esteemed recipient of several teaching awards including the Tevie H. Miller Teaching Excellence Award for the Faculty of Law most recently in 2017. Professor Wood was a member of the Canadian delegation at Diplomatic Conferences in Luxembourg in 2007, Berlin in 2012, and Pretoria in 2019 that produced international instruments governing the secured financing of high value mobile assets. Professor Wood was voted in as a member of the International Academy of Commercial and Consumer Law in 2016.



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