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Friday, February 7, 2025, 7:30am – 5:15pm ET
Le Centre Sheraton Montréal,
1201 René-Lévesque Blvd. West

OPENING RECEPTION:

Thursday, February 6, 2025, 6:00pm – 7:00pm ET
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AGENDA (EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025

5:30pm - 7:00pm	Registration Ballroom Foyer
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Opening Reception Sponsored by TMA Montréal Ballroom Foyer

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025

7:30am - 8:25am	Breakfast Sponsored by IRIS and Registration
8:25am - 8:45am	Opening Remarks and Welcome from the Conference Co-Chairs: Justice David Collier , Superior Court of Québec, Montréal, Guylaine Houle , Pierre Roy & Associés, Montréal, Jocelyn Perreault , McCarthy Tétrault LLP, Montréal, Éric St-Amour , EY-Parthenon, Montréal Greetings: CAIRP Board Chair, André Bolduc ARIL Society Board Chair, Tevia Jeffries
8:45am - 9:35am	Dr. Janis Sarra Opening Plenary: Cross-Border Consequences: The Impact of the Purdue Pharma Ruling in Canada Rebecca Kennedy , Thornton Grout Finnigan LLP, Toronto Bruce Markell , Northwestern University, Chicago, Author Holly Palmer , MNP Ltd., Vancouver Alain Tardif , McCarthy Tétrault LLP, Montréal Moderator: Chief Justice Geoffrey Morawetz , Superior Court of Justice, Toronto
9:45am - 10:30am	Concurrent Panels
Panel A Ballroom W&C	RVOs: The Journey from “Extraordinary” to Ordinary Julie Mortreux , Deloitte Restructuring Inc., Montréal Victor Olusegun , McMillan LLP, Vancouver, Author Bradley Wiffen , Goodmans LLP, Toronto Lance Williams , McCarthy Tétrault LLP, Montréal Moderator: Justice Jessica Kimmel , Superior Court of Justice, Toronto
Panel B Drummond	Peoples Department Stores Inc. (Trustee of) v. Wise: 20 years later, where do we stand? Joe Healey , Healey Consulting Services Inc., Winnipeg Kyla Mahar , Miller Thomson LLP, Toronto Guillaume Michaud , Norton Rose Fulbright LLP, Montréal, Author Julien Morissette , Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, Montréal Moderator: Justice Chantal Corriveau , Superior Court of Québec, Montréal
Panel C Ballroom East	Secured Creditors’ Rights to Asset Value Post-Discharge: Revisiting the Boundaries Eugénie Lefebvre , Borden Ladner Gervais, Montréal Ian Penney , Janes Noseworthy Ltd., St. John’s Freida Richer , Doane Grant Thornton LLP, Edmonton Aminollah Sabzevari , Justice Canada, Vancouver, Author Moderator: Associate Judge Kimberley Robertson , Supreme Court of British Columbia, Vancouver

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10:30am-10:55am	Networking Break
10:55am – 11:40am	Concurrent Panels
Panel D Drummond	Calming Troubled Waters Keely Cameron , Bennett Jones LLP, Calgary, Author Michelle Grant , PwC Canada, Vancouver Dana Nowak , MLT Aikins LLP, Edmonton, Author Vicki Tickle , Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP, Vancouver Moderator: Associate Chief Justice Blair Nixon , Court of King's Bench of Alberta, Calgary
Panel E Ballroom East	When Bankruptcy Does Not Forgive: Lessons from the Poonian Case Wesley Cowan , MNP Ltd., Kitchener Colleen Craig , C.E. Craig & Associates, Victoria Elisabeth Lang , Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Ottawa Ari Sorek , Fishman Flanz Meland Paquin LLP, Montréal, Author Moderator: Justice Luc Morin , Superior Court of Québec, Montréal
Panel F Ballroom W&C	Balancing Act: Evaluating Interim Financing Terms in Insolvency Proceedings Geneviève Cloutier , Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP, Montréal Robyn Gurofsky , Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP, Calgary, Author Philippe Mendelson , EY-Parthenon, Vancouver, Author Dean Shillington , Knightsbridge Capital Group, Vancouver Moderator: Justice Shelley Fitzpatrick , Supreme Court of British Columbia, Vancouver
11:45am – 12:30pm	Concurrent Panels
Panel G Ballroom W&C	Creating a Baseline: The Role of Stalking Horse Bids and Break Fees in Asset Maximization Corey Geenen , EY-Parthenon, Montréal Julie Kennedy , KPMG LLP, Calgary Ilia Kravtsov , Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, Montréal Christopher Yung , Lenczner Slaght LLP, Author Moderator: Justice Paul Walker , Supreme Court of British Columbia, Vancouver
Panel H Ballroom East	Blurring the Lines for Creditors, Investors and Equityholders: Allocation and Consolidation Issues in Complex Corporate Structures Carole Hunter , DLA Piper Canada LLP, Calgary, Author Kyle Plunkett , Aird & Berlis LLP, Toronto, Author Jacqueline Shellon , KPMG LLP, Calgary, Author Anthony Tillman , Alvarez & Marsal Canada ULC, Vancouver Moderator: Justice Christian Immer , Court of Appeal of Québec, Montréal
Panel I Drummond	Statute Barred Claims: Implications and Consequences Daniel Budd , Forvis Mazars, Montréal Deryck Helkaa , FTI Consulting Canada Inc., Calgary Paul Olfert , MLT Aikins LLP, Saskatoon Sara Scott , Stewart McKelvey, Halifax Moderator: Associate Justice Sam Rappos , Superior Court of Justice, Toronto

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12:30pm-1:25pm	Networking Lunch Sponsored by VersaBank
1:30pm – 2:30pm Ballroom W&C	The Honourable Donald Brenner Memorial Keynote: Chantal Hébert Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer with the Toronto Star and a guest columnist for L'Actualité. She is a participant on the political panel at Issue on the CBC's The National as well as Radio-Canada's Les Coulisses du pouvoir on television and Gravel le matin on Montreal radio. She helps audiences make sense of the complex political world to help guide strategic decision making.
2:35pm – 3:20pm	Concurrent Panels
Panel J Drummond	Judicial Discretion: Balancing COMI, Mandamus Relief, and Autonomous Relief under Part IV of the CCAA Sean Kimak , University of Calgary, Calgary, Author Caitlin McIntyre , Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, Toronto, Author Alfonso Nocilla , University of Western Ontario, London, Author Toni Vanderlaan , Deloitte Restructuring Inc., Toronto Moderator: Justice Peter Osborne , Superior Court of Justice, Toronto
Panel K Ballroom East	Do Equitable Remedies Have a Place in Canadian Insolvency Law? Sharon Kour , Reconstruct LLP, Toronto, Author Matti Lemmens , Stikeman Elliott LLP, Calgary, Author Afshan Naveed , Dentons Canada LLP, Calgary Mitch Vininsky , KSV Advisory Inc., Toronto Moderator: Justice David Kroft , Manitoba Court of Appeal, Winnipeg
Panel L Ballroom W&C	Navigating the Complexities of Fraudulent Preferences Sheri Aberback , MNP Ltd., Montréal André Bolduc , BDO Canada Limited, Ottawa Jenna Clark , McCarthy Tétrault LLP, Vancouver Emmanuel Phaneuf , Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton, Montréal Moderator: Justice Christopher Simard , Court of King's Bench of Alberta, Calgary
3:30pm – 4:15pm Ballroom W&C	Judicial Panel Chief Justice Suzanne Duncan , Supreme Court of Yukon, Whitehorse Justice Michael Penny , Superior Court of Justice, Toronto Justice Barbara Romaine , Court of King's Bench of Alberta, Calgary Justice Darrell Stephenson , Court of King's Bench of New Brunswick, Saint John Moderator: Justice David Collier , Superior Court of Québec, Montréal
4:15pm – 4:25pm Ballroom W&C	Closing Remarks and Tribute to Philippe Bélanger: Justice David Collier , Superior Court of Québec, Montréal, Guylaine Houle , Pierre Roy & Associés, Montréal, Jocelyn Perreault , McCarthy Tétrault LLP, Montréal, Éric St-Amour , EY-Parthenon, Montréal

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