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ARIL CONFERENCE:

Friday, February 2, 2024, 7:30am – 5:15pm PT
JW Marriott Parq Vancouver, 39 Smithe Street

OPENING RECEPTION:

Thursday, February 1, 2024, 6:00pm – 7:00pm PT
JW Marriott Parq Vancouver, 39 Smithe Street

ACCOMMODATIONS:

JW Marriott Parq Vancouver, 39 Smithe Street & The DOUGLAS, 45 Smithe Street | Room Rates (Standard Guest Room): \$285 + applicable taxes and fees
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AGENDA (TIMES ARE IN PACIFIC TIME ZONE)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024

5:30pm - 7:00pm	Registration Parq Grand Ballroom Foyer
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Opening Reception Parq Grand Ballroom Foyer

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

7:30am - 8:25am	Breakfast Sponsored by Century Services and Registration Parq Grand Ballroom Foyer
8:25am - 8:45am	Opening Remarks and Welcome from the Conference Co-Chairs: Colleen Craig , C.E. Craig & Associates Inc., Victoria, Justice Shelley Fitzpatrick , Supreme Court of British Columbia, Vicki Tickle , Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP, Vancouver, Anthony Tillman , Alvarez & Marsal Canada ULC, Vancouver Greetings: CAIRP Board Chair, André Bolduc ARIL Society Board Chair, Tevia Jeffries
8:45am - 9:35am	Dr. Janis Sarra Opening Plenary: A Bridge over Troubled Redwater Professor Jassmine Girgis , University of Calgary, Calgary, Author Robyn Gurofsky , Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP, Calgary, Author Walker MacLeod , McCarthy Tétrault LLP, Calgary, Author Orest Konowalchuk , Alvarez & Marsal Canada ULC, Calgary Moderator: Justice Chantal Corriveau , Superior Court of Québec, Montréal
9:45am - 10:30am	Concurrent Panels
Panel A:	After Petrowest: Implications of the Supreme Court's Acknowledgement of Contract-Party Autonomy in the Insolvency Context Ari Sorek , Autorité des marchés financiers, Montréal, Author Kelsey Meyer , Bennett Jones LLP, Calgary Michael Nowina , Baker McKenzie LLP, Toronto Sara Scott , Stewart McKelvey LLP, Halifax Moderator: Justice Paul Walker , Supreme Court of British Columbia, Vancouver
Panel B:	Chasing the North Star; Navigating Foreign Insolvencies in Canada Karen Fellowes , K.C., Stikeman Elliott LLP, Calgary, Author Neil Bunker , PwC Canada, Vancouver J.J. Burnell , MLT Aikins LLP, Winnipeg Allan Nackan , B. Riley Farber, Toronto Moderator: Justice Barbara Conway , Superior Court of Justice, Toronto
Panel C:	Far Reaching Fraudulent Transfer Concerns Adam Fisher , Harris & Partners Inc., Toronto, Author Gina Rhodes , Miller Thomson LLP, Toronto, Author Scott Andersen , Lawson Lundell LLP Charla Smith , Charla Smith & Company Ltd., Calgary Moderator: Associate Judge Kimberley Robertson , Supreme Court of British Columbia, Vancouver
10:30am - 10:50am	Networking Break Sponsored by IRIS

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10:50am - 11:45am		Concurrent Panels
Panel D:		<p>Spoiled for Choice: More Options, More Opinions, More Questions?</p> <p>Corey Geenen, EY-Parthenon, Montréal, Author</p> <p>Gabriel Lavery Lepage, Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP, Montréal, Author</p> <p>Emma Newbery, Dentons LLP, Vancouver, Author</p> <p>Pinky Law, Alvarez & Marsal Canada ULC, Vancouver</p> <p>Moderator: Justice David Kroft, Manitoba Court of Appeal, Winnipeg</p>
Panel E:		<p>Back to the Future</p> <p>Andrew J.F. Kent, Reconstruct LLP, Toronto, Author</p> <p>Adam Maerov, McMillan LLP, Calgary, Author</p> <p>Chris Burr, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, Toronto</p> <p>Mary Buttery, K.C., Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, Vancouver</p> <p>Alex MacFarlane, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, Toronto</p> <p>Moderator: Justice Herman Wilton-Siegel, Superior Court of Justice, Toronto</p>
Panel F:		<p>Consumer Credit – Where are we Going? Where have we Been? How Do we Get There?</p> <p>Professor Micheline Gleixner, Université de Moncton, Moncton, Author</p> <p>Sergio Ciardullo, Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Toronto</p> <p>Peta Wales, Credit Counselling Society, Vancouver</p> <p>Richard Warnica, Toronto Star, Toronto</p> <p>Moderator: Frank Fabiano, Grant Thornton Limited, Calgary</p>
11:55pm - 12:40pm		Concurrent Panels
Panel G:		<p>Is it Secret? Is it Safe?: From Sealing Orders to the Ever Widening Scope of Court Officer Liability</p> <p>Carole Hunter, DLA Piper Canada LLP, Calgary, Author</p> <p>Pierre Marchand, MNP Ltd., Montréal, Author</p> <p>Joseph Reynaud, Stikeman Elliott LLP, Montréal, Author</p> <p>Toni Vanderlaan, Deloitte Restructuring Inc., Toronto, Author</p> <p>Moderator: Justice David Collier, Superior Court of Québec, Montréal</p>
Panel H:		<p>Clearing the Way</p> <p>Luc Morin, Norton Rose Fulbright LLP, Montréal, Author</p> <p>Caroline Descours, Goodmans LLP, Toronto</p> <p>Nigel Meakin, Deloitte Restructuring Inc., Toronto</p> <p>Leanne Williams, Thornton Grout Finnigan LLP, Toronto</p> <p>Moderator: Justice Peter Osborne, Superior Court of Justice, Toronto</p>
Panel I:		<p>UNCITRAL Model Law on Enterprise Group Insolvency – Should Canada Follow the UK in Adopting the Model Law?</p> <p>Dr. Janis Sarra, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Author</p> <p>Natalie Levine, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP, Toronto</p> <p>Paul Morrison, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada, Ottawa</p> <p>Moderator: Chief Justice Geoffrey Morawetz, Superior Court of Justice, Toronto</p>

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12:40pm - 1:35pm	Networking Lunch Sponsored by VersaBank
1:40pm - 2:45pm	<p>The Honourable Donald Brenner Memorial Keynote: David Frum</p> <p>One of the most influential political analysts of our time, David Frum brings a rational conscience into the mainstream. He helps crystallize what the current political climate both nationally and globally will mean for your business or organization – for the good, the bad and the future. As a Staff Writer at <i>The Atlantic</i>, David's commentary on social and political issues generates thought-provoking discussions around the world. He provides fascinating insight into what political outcomes mean for specific audiences in addressing geo-political issues or global and international affairs.</p>
2:50pm - 3:35pm	Concurrent Panels
Panel J:	<p>Let's Look this Stalking Horse Bid in the Mouth: An Exploration of Stalking Horse Bid Trends Plus a Review of Cannabis Filings since Legalization</p> <p>Jessica Cameron, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP, Calgary, Author</p> <p>Tamie Dolny, Toronto, Author</p> <p>Katherine Forbes, KPMG Canada, Toronto</p> <p>Jonathan Ross, Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP, Vancouver</p> <p>Moderator: Chief Justice Suzanne Duncan, Supreme Court of Yukon, Whitehorse</p>
Panel K:	<p>Getting the Dirt on Distressed Real Estate</p> <p>Nick Carlson, Clark Wilson LLP, Vancouver, Author</p> <p>Peter Chisholm, EY-Parthenon, Calgary, Author</p> <p>David Gruber, Bennett Jones LLP, Vancouver</p> <p>Mario Mainella, MNP Ltd., Vancouver</p> <p>Moderator: Justice Karen Horner, Court of King's Bench of Alberta, Calgary</p>
Panel L:	<p>The Not So Honest but Unfortunate Debtor</p> <p>Cody Reedman, Reedman Law, Vancouver, Author</p> <p>Superintendent Elisabeth Lang, Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Ottawa</p> <p>Aminollah Sabzevari, Justice Canada, Edmonton</p> <p>Bridget van Wyk, Farber Financial Group, Vancouver</p> <p>Moderator: Andy Fisher, A Fisher & Associates Inc., Toronto</p>
3:45pm - 4:30pm	<p>Judicial Panel</p> <p>Céline Legendre, Superior Court of Québec, Montréal</p> <p>Justice Kevin Loo, Supreme Court of British Columbia, Vancouver</p> <p>Justice Peter Osborne, Superior Court of Justice, Toronto</p> <p>Associate Judge Kimberley Robertson, Supreme Court of British Columbia, Vancouver</p> <p>Moderator: Justice Shelley Fitzpatrick, Supreme Court of British Columbia, Vancouver</p>
4:30pm - 4:35pm	<p>Closing Remarks and Appreciation:</p> <p>Colleen Craig, C.E. Craig & Associates Inc., Victoria</p> <p>Justice Shelley Fitzpatrick, Supreme Court of British Columbia, Vancouver</p> <p>Vicki Tickle, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP, Vancouver</p> <p>Anthony Tillman, Alvarez & Marsal Canada ULC, Vancouver</p>

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