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REVIEW OF  
INSOLVENCY LAW  
CONFERENCE**

**FEBRUARY 7, 2025  
MONTREAL, QUEBEC**

## **CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS**

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Court of King's Bench of Alberta, Calgary

### **ARIL CONFERENCE:**

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  
Le Centre Sheraton Montréal,  
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### **ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Le Centre Sheraton Montréal  
Room Rates (Standard Guest Room):  
\$219 + applicable taxes and fees  
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January 14, 2025

### **REGISTRATION:**

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### **CONFERENCE RATE:**

General Registrant: \$1025 plus applicable taxes  
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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	<b>Opening Remarks and Welcome from the Conference Co-Chairs:</b> <b>Justice David Collier</b> , Superior Court of Québec, Montréal, <b>Guylaine Houle</b> , Pierre Roy & Associés, Montréal, <b>Jocelyn Perreault</b> , McCarthy Tétrault LLP, Montréal, <b>Éric St-Amour</b> , EY-Parthenon, Montréal <b>Greetings:</b> CAIRP Board Chair, André Bolduc ARIL Society Board Chair, Tevia Jeffries
8:45am - 9:35am	<b>Dr. Janis Sarra Opening Plenary: Cross-Border Consequences: The Impact of the Purdue Pharma Ruling in Canada</b> <b>Rebecca Kennedy</b> , Thornton Grout Finnigan LLP, Toronto <b>Bruce Markell</b> , Northwestern University, Chicago, Author <b>Holly Palmer</b> , MNP Ltd., Vancouver <b>Alain Tardif</b> , McCarthy Tétrault LLP, Montréal Moderator: <b>Chief Justice Geoffrey Morawetz</b> , Superior Court of Justice, Toronto
9:45am - 10:30am	<b>Concurrent Panels</b>
Panel A	<b>RVOs: The Journey from “Extraordinary” to Ordinary</b> <b>Julie Mortreux</b> , Deloitte Restructuring Inc., Montréal <b>Victor Olusegun</b> , McMillan LLP, Vancouver, Author <b>Lance Williams</b> , McCarthy Tétrault LLP, Montréal Moderator: <b>Justice Jessica Kimmel</b> , Superior Court of Justice, Toronto
Panel B	<b>Peoples Department Stores Inc. (Trustee of) v. Wise: 20 years later, where do we stand?</b> <b>Joe Healey</b> , Healey Consulting Services Inc., Winnipeg <b>Kyla Mahar</b> , Miller Thomson LLP, Toronto <b>Guillaume Michaud</b> , Norton Rose Fulbright LLP, Montréal, Author <b>Julien Morissette</b> , Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, Montréal Moderator: <b>Justice Chantal Corriveau</b> , Superior Court of Québec, Montréal
Panel C	<b>Secured Creditors’ Rights to Asset Value Post-Discharge: Revisiting the Boundaries</b> <b>Eugénie Lefebvre</b> , Borden Ladner Gervais, Montréal <b>Ian Penney</b> , Janes Noseworthy Ltd., St. John’s <b>Freida Richer</b> , Doane Grant Thornton LLP, Edmonton <b>Aminollah Sabzevari</b> , Justice Canada, Vancouver, Author Moderator: <b>Associate Judge Kimberley Robertson</b> , Supreme Court of British Columbia, Vancouver

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

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12:30pm-1:25pm	<b>Networking Lunch Sponsored by VersaBank</b>
1:30pm – 2:30pm	<p><b>The Honourable Donald Brenner Memorial Keynote: Chantal Hébert</b></p> <p><b>Chantal Hébert</b> 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.</p>
2:35pm – 3:20pm	<b>Concurrent Panels</b>
Panel J	<p><b>Judicial Discretion: Balancing COMI, Mandamus Relief, and Autonomous Relief under Part IV of the CCAA</b></p> <p><b>Sean Kimak</b>, University of Calgary, Calgary, Author  <b>Caitlin McIntyre</b>, Blake, Cassels &amp; Graydon LLP, Toronto, Author  <b>Alfonso Nocilla</b>, University of Western Ontario, London, Author  <b>Toni Vanderlaan</b>, Deloitte Restructuring Inc., Toronto</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Justice Peter Osborne</b>, Superior Court of Justice, Toronto</p>
Panel K	<p><b>Do Equitable Remedies Have a Place in Canadian Insolvency Law?</b></p> <p><b>Sharon Kour</b>, Reconstruct LLP, Toronto, Author  <b>Matti Lemmens</b>, Stikeman Elliott LLP, Calgary, Author  <b>Afshan Naveed</b>, Dentons Canada LLP, Calgary  <b>Mitch Vininsky</b>, KSV Advisory Inc., Toronto</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Justice David Kroft</b>, Manitoba Court of Appeal, Winnipeg</p>
Panel L	<p><b>Navigating the Complexities of Fraudulent Preferences</b></p> <p><b>Sheri Aberback</b>, MNP Ltd., Montréal  <b>André Bolduc</b>, BDO Canada Limited, Ottawa  <b>Jenna Clark</b>, McCarthy Tétrault LLP, Vancouver  <b>Emmanuel Phaneuf</b>, Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton, Montréal</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Justice Christopher Simard</b>, Court of King's Bench of Alberta, Calgary</p>
3:30pm – 4:15pm	<p><b>Judicial Panel</b></p> <p><b>Chief Justice Suzanne Duncan</b>, Supreme Court of Yukon, Whitehorse  <b>Justice Michael Penny</b>, Superior Court of Justice, Toronto  <b>Justice Barbara Romaine</b>, Court of King's Bench of Alberta, Calgary  <b>Justice Darrell Stephenson</b>, Court of King's Bench of New Brunswick, Saint John</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Justice David Collier</b>, Superior Court of Québec, Montréal</p>
4:15pm – 4:25pm	<p><b>Closing Remarks and Appreciation:</b></p> <p><b>Justice David Collier</b>, Superior Court of Québec, Montréal, <b>Guylaine Houle</b>, Pierre Roy &amp; Associés, Montréal, <b>Jocelyn Perreault</b>, McCarthy Tétrault LLP, Montréal, <b>Éric St-Amour</b>, EY-Parthenon, Montréal</p>

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## Conference Papers:

Available on CanLII; access information to be sent to conference attendees. The *Annual Review of Insolvency Law* will also be available on InsolvencySource for existing subscribers.

**Thank you!**

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