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**FEBRUARY 7, 2025
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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
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AGENDA (EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025

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| 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 | 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 | 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 | 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 | <p>Calming Troubled Waters</p> <p>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</p> <p>Moderator: Associate Chief Justice Blair Nixon, Court of King's Bench of Alberta, Calgary</p> |
| Panel E | <p>When Bankruptcy Does Not Forgive: Lessons from the Poonian Case</p> <p>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</p> <p>Moderator: Justice Luc Morin, Superior Court of Québec, Montréal</p> |
| Panel F | <p>Balancing Act: Evaluating Interim Financing Terms in Insolvency Proceedings</p> <p>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</p> <p>Moderator: Justice Shelley Fitzpatrick, Supreme Court of British Columbia, Vancouver</p> |
| 11:45am - 12:30pm | Concurrent Panels |
| Panel G | <p>Creating a Baseline: The Role of Stalking Horse Bids and Break Fees in Asset Maximization</p> <p>Corey Geenen, EY-Parthenon, Montréal Julie Kennedy, KPMG LLP, Calgary Ilia Kravtsov, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, Montréal Christopher Yung, Lenczner Slaght LLP, Author</p> <p>Moderator: Justice Paul Walker, Supreme Court of British Columbia, Vancouver</p> |
| Panel H | <p>Blurring the Lines for Creditors, Investors and Equityholders: Allocation and Consolidation Issues in Complex Corporate Structures</p> <p>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</p> <p>Moderator: Justice Christian Immer, Superior Court of Québec, Montréal</p> |
| Panel I | <p>Statute Barred Claims: Implications and Consequences</p> <p>Daniel Budd, Forvis Mazars, Montréal Deryck Helkaa, FTI Consulting Canada Inc., Calgary Paul Olfert, MLT Aikins LLP, Saskatoon Sara Scott, Stewart McKelvey, Halifax</p> <p>Moderator: Associate Justice Sam Rappos, Superior Court of Justice, Toronto</p> |

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| 12:30pm-1:25pm | Networking Lunch Sponsored by VersaBank |
| 1:30pm – 2:30pm | <p>The Honourable Donald Brenner Memorial Keynote: Chantal Hébert</p> <p>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.</p> |
| 2:35pm – 3:20pm | Concurrent Panels |
| Panel J | <p>Judicial Discretion: Balancing COMI, Mandamus Relief, and Autonomous Relief under Part IV of the CCAA</p> <p>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</p> <p>Moderator: Justice Peter Osborne, Superior Court of Justice, Toronto</p> |
| Panel K | <p>Do Equitable Remedies Have a Place in Canadian Insolvency Law?</p> <p>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</p> <p>Moderator: Justice David Kroft, Manitoba Court of Appeal, Winnipeg</p> |
| Panel L | <p>Navigating the Complexities of Fraudulent Preferences</p> <p>Sheri Aberback, MNP Ltd., Montréal André Bolduc, BDO Canada Limited, Ottawa Jenna Clark, McCarthy Tétrault LLP, Vancouver Emmanuel Phaneuf, Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton, Montréal</p> <p>Moderator: Justice Christopher Simard, Court of King's Bench of Alberta, Calgary</p> |
| 3:30pm – 4:15pm | <p>Judicial Panel</p> <p>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</p> <p>Moderator: Justice David Collier, Superior Court of Québec, Montréal</p> |
| 4:15pm – 4:25pm | <p>Closing Remarks and Appreciation:</p> <p>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</p> |

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