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## **The Economics of Human Rights: Canadian and US Perspectives on Supply Chains, Sanctions, and Securing Reconciliation**

**Thursday, April 18th - Friday, April 19th, 2024**

*Sponsored by the Canada-United States Law Institute at Case Western Reserve University School of Law and The University of Western Ontario Faculty of Law.*

### **Event Description**

The conduct of business either protects human rights or enables their violation. Canada and the United States influence the enforcement and advancement of human rights through their approaches to regulating business activities. Both countries play a vital role in the international community on how human rights are protected through supply chains, the use of sanctions and reconciliation for past practices. The 48th Annual Canada-U.S. Law Institute Conference on April 18 and 19, 2024, will analyze these issues by bringing together government officials, distinguished academics, practitioners, and business leaders.

4.75 CLE credits are available for April 19th **only** for an additional \$100 for Alumni and \$200 for Non-Alumni. Payment is made on April 19th with a check or credit card if attending in-person or paying online if attending virtually.

### **Event Location**

Gund Hall, Upper Rotunda on April 18, 2024.

Cleveland Botanical Garden on April 19, 2024.

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## Agenda

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Opening & Awards Banquet Location: George C. Gund Hall, Case Western Reserve University School of Law 11075 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio, 44106

5:30 p.m. - Opening Reception & Dinner for all Conference Attendees

6:30 p.m. - Welcome and Introduction – Law School Rotunda

- Stephen J. Petras, Jr., United States National Director, Canada-United States Law Institute
- The Honorable James Blanchard, Co-Chair of the CUSLI Executive Committee, Senior Counsel at DLA Piper, formerly Governor of Michigan, United States Ambassador to Canada, United States Representative from Michigan

6:40 p.m. - Tribute to J. Michael Robinson, Former Executive Committee Member and Long Time Op Supporter of CUSLI

- Lawrence L. Herman, Executive Committee Member, Canada

6:45 p.m. - Presentation of the Henry T. King Award and Sidney J. Picker Award

- Presentation of the Sidney J. Picker Award by The Honourable Jim Peterson, Co-Chair of the CUSLI Executive Committee, Counsel, Fasken LLP, former Canadian Minister of International Trade, Canadian Member of Parliament
- Presentation of the Henry T. King Award by Stephen J. Petras, Jr., Director, Frederick K. Cox International Law Center, Case Western Reserve School of Law, U.S. Director, Canada-United States Law Institute

7 p.m. - Opening Address & Distinguished Lecture

- Introduction: Stephen J. Petras, Jr., Director, Frederick K. Cox International Law Center, Case Western Reserve School of Law, U.S. Director, Canada-United States Law Institute
- Presenter: Michael Scharf, Co-Dean, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, "Reflections on the 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: From Nuremberg to Now - Henry T. King, Jr., Human Rights law, and the World Today"
- Questions and Answers

8:00 p.m. – Dessert and Music by "Razing the Bar"

Friday, April 19, 2024

Location: Cleveland Botanical Garden (across East Blvd. from Case Western Reserve University School of Law) 11030 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio, 44106

Master of Ceremonies: Stephen J. Petras, Jr., Director, Frederick K. Cox International Law Center, Case Western Reserve School of Law, U.S. Director, Canada-United States Law Institute

8:00 a.m. - Registration and Breakfast – Cleveland Botanical Gardens, Woodland Hall

8:45 a.m. - Welcome and Introduction

- Dean Michael P. Scharf, Co-President of the Canada – United States Law Institute, Dean of Case Western Reserve University School of Law
- Dean Erika Chamberlain, Co-President of the Canada – United States Law Institute, Dean of University of Western Ontario Faculty of Law

9:00 a.m. - Distinguished Welcome and Remarks

- Colin Bird, Consul General of Canada in Detroit “Defending International Human Rights while Promoting Trade”

Canada and the U.S. share a commitment to combatting forced labour in our supply chains. This talk will focus on the challenges and opportunities for these two countries to collaborate in North America and on the global stage.

9:30 a.m. - **Panel 1: “Approaches to Advancing Human Rights”** - This panel will address the legal conventions and international institutions focused on advancing and protecting human rights and how Canada and the United States are responding.

- Moderator: Carina Van Vliet, CEO of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs, Former Political Affairs Officer, United Nations
- US Perspective - Avidan Y. Cover, Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Director Institute for Global Security Law and Policy, Case Western Reserve University School of Law
- US Perspective - Brian K. Gran, Ph.D., Professor, School of Law and Department of Sociology College of Arts and Sciences, Case Western Reserve University
- Canadian Perspective - Sara Ghebremusse, Assistant Professor, Cassels Chair in Mining Law and Finance, University of Western Ontario Faculty of Law

10:45 a.m. - Break

**11:00 a.m. - Panel 2: "Protecting Human Rights through Economic Sanctions and Supply**

**Chain Due Diligence"** - This panel will review the current global economic sanctions environment as it relates to challenges arising in places such as Darfur (Sudan), Xinjiang (China), Democratic Republic of Congo, and Myanmar, and the challenges faced by businesses seeking to comply within their global supply chains.

- Moderator: Lawrence L. Herman - Executive Committee Member, Canada – United States Law Institute, Herman & Associates and Cassidy Levy Kent
- US Perspective - Richard Newcomb, Partner, DLA Piper, and Former Director of the Office of Foreign of Asset Control
- Canadian Perspective - John W. Boscariol, Partner, International Trade and Investment, McCarthy Tétrault LLP and Adjunct Professor, University of Western Ontario Faculty of Law

12:00 p.m. - Break

12:15 p.m. - Luncheon and Keynote

- Introduction: Steven Paille, Managing Director, Canada - United States Law Institute
- Presenter: Isha Khan, CEO, Canadian Museum for Human Rights and Former Executive Director and Senior Counsel of the Manitoba Human Rights Commission

"What if it was your idea? Shifting the focus on human rights from enforcement to understanding."

The 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights gives us an opportunity to reflect on how effective our current frameworks are in protecting and promoting human rights. When rights frameworks feel like they are imposed on us, they can be limiting and often oppressive. How can we use storytelling to build a shared understanding of human rights that can be used to advance our business relationships?

- Questions and Answers

1:45 p.m. - Break

2:00 p.m. - **Panel 3: "Indigenous Reconciliation and Development"** - This panel will review how each county is addressing the rights of its Indigenous communities and providing reparations for past violations of human rights while advancing economic development.

