NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CLASS ACTIONS – RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN QUÉBEC, IN CANADA AND IN THE U.S. (2019)

Date: March 21-22, 2019, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
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         Montréal, QC H2Z 1H2
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DAY 1: Thursday, March 21, 2019

8:30 a.m.  Opening remarks from the Conference’s Chair

Mme Jean Saint-Onge, Ad. E., Senior Counsel, Borden Ladner Gervais, Montréal, QC

8:35 a.m.  Annual review of the jurisprudence from Québec

Mme Geneviève Bertrand, Torys, Montréal, QC
Mme Mathieu Charest-Beaudry, Trudel Johnston & Lespérance, Montréal, QC

9:45 a.m.  Break

10:00 a.m.  Recent developments in the common law provinces

Mme Luciana Brasil, Branch MacMaster LLP, Vancouver, B.C
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11:00 a.m.  Environmental class actions

Moderator: Mme André Durocher, Fasken, Montréal, QC
Mme Myriam Brixi, Lavery, Montréal, QC
Mme Philippe Trudel, Trudel Johnston & Lespérance, Montréal, QC
Mme Jennifer Quinn-Barabanov, Steptoe & Johnson, Washington, DC
Mme Kirk Baert, Koskie Minsky, Toronto, ON
Mme Michael Peerless, McKenzie Lake, London, ON

12:15 p.m.  Lunch – Room 517

1:15 p.m.  Legal issues related to class action settlements and approval of class counsel fees

Moderator: Mme Joëlle Boisvert, Gowlings WLG, Montréal, QC
Mme Patrick Ouellette, Woods et Associés, Montréal, QC
The Honourable Chantal Corriveau, J.C.S., Superior Court of Québec, Montréal, QC
Mme Daniel Bach, Siskinds, Toronto, ON
Mme Violette Leblanc, Belleau Lapointe, Montréal, QC

2:15 p.m.  Punitive damages – Comparative approach (civil law, common law in Canada, United States)

Moderator: Mme Shaun Finn, BCF, Montréal, QC
Mme Anne Merminod, Borden Ladner Gervais, Montréal, QC
Mme Bradley J. Hamburger, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, Los Angeles, CA

3:15 p.m.  Break

3:30 p.m.  Impact of the new Code of civil procedure at the authorization stage (case management, preliminary exceptions, proportionality, leave to appeal)

Moderator: Mme Emmanuelle Poupart, McCarthy, Montréal, QC
M Me Pierre Y. Lefebvre, Langlois, Montréal, QC
Mme Sean Griffin, Langlois, Montréal, QC
Mme Normand Painchaud, Sylvestre Painchaud et associés, Montréal QC
Mme Sidney Elbaz, McMillan, Montréal, QC
M Me Jeff Orenstein, Consumer Law Group, Montréal, QC
4:30 p.m. Judges’ panel – Superior Court

Moderator: Mr. Claude Marseille, Blake, Cassels & Graydon, Montréal, QC
The Honourable Chantal Chatelain, J.C.S., Superior Court of Québec, Montréal, QC
The Honourable Justice Paul M. Perell, Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Toronto, On.
The Honourable Justice David Masuhara, Supreme Court of British-Columbia, Vancouver, B.C.
The Honourable Denis Gascon, Federal Court of Canada, Montréal, QC

5:30 p.m. Adjourn (Day 1)

DAY 2: Friday, March 22, 2019

8:30 a.m. Opening remarks from the Conference’s Chair

Mr. Jean Saint-Onge, Ad. E., Senior Counsel, Borden Ladner Gervais, Montréal, QC

8:35 a.m. Recent developments in US class actions

Moderator: Mr. Michael Peerless, McKenzie Lake LLP, London, ON
Mr. Joel Feldman, Sidley Austin, Chicago, IL
Mr. Jayne Goldstein, Shepherd, Finkelman, Miller LLP, Fort-Lauderdale, FL

9:30 a.m. Break

9:45 a.m. Judges’ panel – Court of Appeal

Moderator: Mr. Sonia Bjorkquist, Osler, Toronto, ON
The Honourable Manon Savard, Court of appeal of Québec, Québec, QC
The Honourable Justice Alexandra Hoy, Ontario Court of Appeal, Toronto, ON
The Honourable Jo’Anne Strekaf, Alberta Court of Appeal, Calgary, Alberta

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Mediation in multi-jurisdictional class actions – The Volkswagen case

Moderator: The Honourable François Rolland, Montréal, QC
Mr. Cheryl Woodin, Bennett Jones, Toronto, ON
Mr. Stéphane Pitre, Borden Ladner Gervais, Montréal, QC
Mr. Daniel Belleau, Belleau Lapointe, Montréal, QC
Mr. Reidar Mogerman, Camp Fiorentino LLP, Vancouver, B.C

12:15 p.m. Lunch conference – Room 517

Speaker: The Honourable Suzanne Côté, Supreme Court of Canada – introduction by
The Honourable Sylvain Lussier, Superior Court of Québec.

2:00 p.m. Legal issues related to multi-jurisdictional class actions

Moderator: Mr. Christopher Maughan, Audren Rolland, Montréal, QC
Mr. Timothy Pinos, Cassels, Brock, Toronto, ON
Mr. Amanda M. Quayle, McDougall Gauley LLP, Regina, SK
Mr. Caroline Perrault, Siskinds, Desmeules, Québec, QC
Mr. Jean-Philippe Groleau, Davies, Montréal, QC

3:15 p.m. Governments and class actions

Moderator: Mr. Luciana Brasil, Branch MacMaster LLP, Vancouver, B.C
Mr. Peter R. Lawless, Ministry of Attorney General, Victoria, B.C
Mr. Raymond Wagner, Wagners Law, Halifax N.S
Mr. Nathalie Drouin, Ministry of Justice, Canada

4:30 p.m. Adjourn