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BILL ABBOTT is a recognized privacy expert and experienced telecommunications regulatory lawyer. He is an authority on Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) compliance, having led the implementation of BCE Inc.'s CASL compliance project across a complex corporate structure. He is well known for his leadership and coalition building skills, and provided industry-wide leadership on lawful access and accessibility for persons with disabilities. He played a leading role in several major legislative and regulatory initiatives in the communications industry before the Office of the Privacy Commissioner, the CRTC and government departments.

Mr. Abbott worked as the Privacy Ombudsman for the BCE Inc. companies for the past seven years and was a lawyer in the BCE Regulatory group from 2000 to 2017, most recently as Assistant General Counsel. He represented Bell at organizations such as the CWTA, ITAC and the Canadian Centre for Child Protection. He is a past Director of MediaSmarts, and a member of the Canadian Bar Association Privacy and Access Section.

Mr. Abbott began his career in telecommunications regulatory law after obtaining a Master of Laws degree in Information Technology Law in 2001. He worked on a wide range of national policy issues initiatives including the Telecom Policy Review, Forbearance, the creation of the Commissioner for Complaints for Telecommunications Services, the Obligation to Serve proceeding, the joint telecommunications and broadcasting accessibility proceeding and the implementation of Video Relay Service in Canada.

Moderator

JENNIFER STODDART O.C., Ad. E., holds a bachelor of civil law degree from McGill University, a master of arts in history from the University of Québec in Montréal and was a member of the Québec Bar from 1980 to 2016. As a member of *Collectif Clio*, she co-authored *L'Histoire des femmes au Québec depuis quatre siècles*.

Among other public office positions held in Canada and Québec, she was the President of the *Commission de l'accès à l'information du Québec* from 2000 to 2003 and Canada's Privacy Commissioner from 2003 to 2013. She was appointed Officer of the Order of Canada in 2015 for her international leadership in privacy rights and for her exemplary service as the Privacy Commissioner of Canada. The University of Ottawa and McGill University have awarded her honorary doctorates.

She is currently a Visiting Scholar at McGill University's Centre of Genomics and Policy, a mentor at the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation and an advisor at the Nymity research services firm. She is a board member of the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP) and is an Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the 34th Combat Engineer Regiment.

Panellists

ALEX CAMERON is a partner at Fasken Martineau DuMoulin. Chair of Fasken Martineau's Privacy & Information Protection Group, Mr. Cameron has a leading practice in the areas of privacy and cybersecurity, freedom of information, Canada's Anti-Spam Law and litigation. He is consistently sought out by clients from all industry sectors, including numerous Fortune 100 and 500 companies, in all aspects of privacy law and information security.

Mr. Cameron routinely helps organizations prevent, prepare for, and respond to data breaches—he has helped clients to respond to cybersecurity and other breaches involving millions of affected individuals. In recognition of his expertise, he has received a doctoral degree in the field of privacy law and a number of prestigious commissions from the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada. He is a former member of the Advisory Board of the International Association of Privacy Professionals, Canada and past Chair of the Canadian Bar Association, National Privacy & Access Law Section.

An accomplished litigator, Mr. Cameron has acted as lead counsel in commercial disputes, landmark cases and regulatory investigations in his areas of practice, including data breach class action litigation and high-profile freedom of information matters, and before all levels of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada. He is consistently listed in Chambers and The Best Lawyers in Canada in the fields of Privacy and Data Protection Law and was also named as the 2018 Toronto Privacy and Data Security Law "Lawyer of the Year".

DAVID FEWER is the Director of the Samuelson-Glushko Canadian Internet Policy and Public Interest Clinic (CIPPIC) at the Centre for Law, Technology and Society, University of Ottawa. He is an intellectual property and technology lawyer, and brings two decades of practice experience to CIPPIC's advocacy on intellectual property and technology files. Prior to joining CIPPIC, Mr. Fewer practised intellectual property and technology law with national firms in British Columbia and Ontario, and clerked with the Federal Court of Canada.

He completed an LL.M. at the University of Toronto, where he wrote on intellectual property policy and the application of the Charter to copyright law. Mr. Fewer has taught and written extensively on intellectual property and technology law issues, and is a frequent commentator in the media on such issues

LISA AUSTIN, BA &Sc (McMaster) 1994, MA (Toronto) 1995, LLM (Toronto) (1998), PhD (Toronto) 2005, called to the Bar of Ontario in 2006, is a Professor of Law. Prior to joining the faculty, she served as law clerk to Mr. Justice Frank Iacobucci of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Professor Austin's research and teaching interests include privacy law, property law, and legal theory. She is published in such journals as *Legal Theory*, *Law and Philosophy*, *Theoretical Inquiries in Law*, *Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence*, and *Canadian Journal of Law and Society*. She is co-editor (with Dennis Klimchuk) of *Private Law and the Rule of Law* (Oxford University Press, 2015), in which distinguished Canadian and international scholars take on the general understanding that the rule of law is essentially only a doctrine of public law and consider whether it speaks to the nature of law more generally and thus also engages private law.

Professor Austin's privacy work has been cited numerous times by Canadian courts, including the Supreme Court of Canada. She is also active in a number of public policy debates in Canada. Most recently, she collaborated on a report for the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada entitled *Seeing Through the Cloud: National Jurisdiction and Location of Data, Servers, and Networks Still Matter in a Digitally Interconnected World*. Previous policy work includes consulting for the Canadian Judicial Council on their *Model Policy for Access to Court Records in Canada*.

Professor Austin is currently a member of the International Advisory Panel for the American Law Institute's project, *Restatement of the Law (Fourth), Property*.