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Mr. Lizius' commercial practice includes judicial reviews of administrative decisions, copyright and piracy matters, banking law, class actions, medical malpractice, insurance, contract law, misleading advertising and competition law. He has appeared as counsel before the Federal Court of Appeal, Ontario Court of Appeal, Ontario Superior Court and Ontario Small Claims Court.

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Moderator

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Panellists

ARIEL KATZ is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, where he holds the Innovation Chair in Electronic Commerce. Professor Katz received his LL.B. and LL.M from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and his SJD from the University of Toronto. His general area of research involves economic analysis of competition law and intellectual property law, with allied interests in electronic commerce, pharmaceutical regulation, the regulation of international trade, and particularly the intersection of these fields.

Between 2009 and 2012, Professor Katz was the Director of the Centre for Innovation Law and Policy. Prior to joining the University of Toronto, he was a staff attorney at the Israeli Antitrust Authority. While there, he litigated several merger appeals and restrictive arrangements cases before the Antitrust Tribunal and negotiated regulatory settlements. Professor Katz currently teaches courses on intellectual property, cyberlaw, and the intersection of competition law and intellectual property, and shares some of his current thoughts on these issues on his blog.

BRAM ABRAMSON is Ford-Mozilla Open Web Fellow at Citizen Lab, an interdisciplinary laboratory based at the Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, and a director of the Commission for Complaints for Telecom-television Services. Past roles include head of law, regulation, and public policy at TekSavvy; communications lawyer at McCarthy Tétrault; and senior analyst at Ottawa-Gatineau's CRTC and Washington, DC's TeleGeography.

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THOMAS SUTTON is a partner in McCarthy Tétrault's Litigation Group. His practice focuses on complex commercial, corporate governance and securities disputes and professional liability. According to the Lexpert directory, he is repeatedly recommended by his peers in both of these areas. In particular, Mr. Sutton's has developed a depth of experience in telecommunications litigation, franchise and complex product and service distribution disputes, IP piracy and related injunctive remedies, and is one of the firm's leading lawyers in electronic discovery and related technology issues.

Since joining McCarthy Tétrault in 1996, Mr. Sutton has appeared as trial and appellate counsel at all levels of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada, and various arbitral and administrative tribunals in Ontario. Several of his cases have received national media attention including reports on the *CBC The National*, the *CBC World Report*, the business sections of *The Globe and Mail* and *National Post*, the *Lawyers' Weekly* and *Law Times*, and other national and local media organizations and he is often called upon by the media to comment on issues relating to electronic discovery, the impact of technology on the practice of law and the effective use of legal process outsourcing.

In recognition of his experience, Mr. Sutton teaches Trial Advocacy as an adjunct professor with the Queen's University Faculty of Law, Kingston, ON, and Officers' and Directors' Liability as a member of faculty with The Directors College, the DeGroot School of Business at McMaster University, Hamilton, ON. He is also a regular speaker and seminar leader at The Advocates' Society, Osgood Hall Law School's CPD programs, the Law Society of Upper Canada and the Canadian Bar Association (Ontario). He has also served as a director on several charitable boards and has led special committees relating to corporate governance and the corporate re-organization of these charitable organizations.

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