

# 2020 CAN-TECH LAW Annual Conference

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## CO-CHAIRS:

### **Nancy Cleman, Partner, Lapointe Rosenstein Marchand Melançon, LLP**

Nancy Cleman is a corporate commercial lawyer and is responsible for Intellectual Property group at LRMM. She is a registered trademark agent and an accredited mediator (commercial). Nancy has extensive experience both nationally and internationally and provides legal advice to a variety of corporate and commercial clients with a focus on intellectual property and information technology law.

She is active in community work and sits on several boards and committees. In addition, she regularly speaks and gives conferences on a variety of topics.

### **Andrew C. Alleyne, Partner, Fasken**

Andrew Alleyne's practice is focused primarily on corporate and commercial transactions, particularly technology and M&A matters.

Serving on the Steering Committee of the firm's Technology practice group, Andrew is highly experienced in Technology related contracting. He advises a broad array of clients (from blue-chip to emerging technologies) on the challenges and complexities of commercializing, acquiring and implementing technology solutions.

Advising Fortune 100 companies, leading-edge software, e-commerce, cloud, media and other technology companies, as well as a variety of financial institutions, mining, health care, transportation and communications companies, Andrew is a trusted counsellor regarding business critical legal matters.

Andrew is recognized for his information technology expertise by The Best Lawyers in Canada and the Canadian and Legal Lexpert Directory, and Who's Who Legal (Canada). He is also an active member of the legal community, currently serving as VP of Can-Tech Law, on the leadership team of the Cyberspace Law Committee of the Business Law section of the ABA and Co-Chair of the Legal and Compliance Chapter of the International Association of Outsourcing Professionals.

## SPEAKERS:

### **Gordon Ackroyd, SVP & General Counsel, Securekey**

Gordon is SVP & General Counsel at SecureKey Technologies, having joined SecureKey in early 2015. He is a strategic legal advisor for the Verified.Me digital identity network currently operating in Canada, has overall responsibility for SecureKey's contracting and legal initiatives, and also serves as SecureKey's Corporate Secretary. Gordon brings 20 years of commercial law experience to SecureKey, with a focus on Information Technology, Privacy, Identity, Licensing, Telecommunications and Consumer offerings. Prior to joining SecureKey, Gordon was an Assistant General Counsel at Bell Canada, supporting numerous divisions within Bell and Bell Media for 15 years.

## **Toufic Aldouni , Founder, Lawyer, Entrepreneur, Renno & Co and LUCA**

Toufic, co-founder, managing director, BPAPM, LLB and not your typical lawyer 😊 Though entrepreneurship was always his passion, it was definitely his plan B after a miserably failed attempt at playing football for Chelsea F.C.

Renno & Co. We're a digital law firm that concentrates on Startup and emerging technology law. As entrepreneurs, we strive to be innovative in our approach, while also ensuring the highest quality service. We aim to partner with the most forward-looking businesses to grow the Canadian economy together!

## **Kristin Ali, Senior Associate, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP**

Kristin is a senior associate in the Privacy & Data Management group at Osler and advises clients on a broad range of privacy, cybersecurity, and information management matters. She has extensive experience working with corporate clients that have suffered data breaches or have been accused of privacy violations.

Prior to joining Osler, Kristin practised for many years in Toronto and Boston as a litigator, focusing on technology-related disputes and e-discovery issues. She has represented public and private organizations in litigation, arbitration, and regulatory investigations relating to data security breaches, software failure, securities fraud, and pharmaceutical compliance.

## **Richard Austin, Partner, Deeth Williams Wall LLP**

Richard practices technology and privacy law with a focus on artificial intelligence, privacy and security including cybersecurity, cloud computing, technology and business process outsourcing, applications development and software audits. Prior to returning to private practice, Richard was General Counsel at EDS Canada for 18 years where he headed a team of lawyers and contract professionals with responsibility for the legal aspects of EDS' business in Canada. Richard is a member of the Executive Education Faculty of the Centre for Outsourcing Research and Education (CORE), is a former Director and President of the Canadian Technology Law Association and is a member of the ITechLaw Responsible AI Committee. Richard has been recognized in the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory, as Consistently Recommended for Computer & IT Law and Technology Transactions and by Best Lawyers in Canada for Information Technology Law, Privacy and Data Security Law and Technology Law.

## **Antoine Aylwin, Fasken**

Antoine Aylwin is Co-leader of the firm's Privacy & Cybersecurity Group. Clients seek his expertise and he represents their interests in the areas of access to information in documents held by public bodies, protection of personal information in the public and private sector and in cybersecurity. Antoine appears before various courts and administrative tribunals, including the Supreme Court of Canada. He publishes and delivers seminars on privacy and information protection, including works on behalf of the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada. He often acts as breach coach to companies that have experienced a security incident involving the protection of personal information in their possession.

## **Sultana Bennett, Assistant General Counsel, Risk Management, Torys LLP**

Sultana Bennett is Assistant General Counsel, Risk Management at Torys LLP in Toronto. Sultana advises the firm's lawyers and staff members on various matters relating to ethics and professional responsibility, including

client confidentiality, records management, information security, marketing and liability insurance. Prior to joining Torys, Sultana held private practice, government and in-house positions in Canada and the United States.

### **Cecilia Boije, Principal Counsel, Eidos/Square Enix**

Cecilia is Principal Counsel at Eidos/Square Enix Montreal and has been working within the videogame industry for about 10 years as an in-house counsel, mostly for Ubisoft both in Paris and Montreal. As a member of Quebec and Paris bars, she has also been working as a private practice IP/IT lawyer. She has an extensive experience in advising studios executives and production teams on any legal matter impacting videogame development, publishing and distribution.

### **Tim Bouma, Senior Advisor, Government of Canada's Office of Chief Information Officer**

Tim Bouma is a Senior Advisor for the Government of Canada's Office of Chief Information Officer. Tim's area of focus is digital identity and he is responsible for the development of policy instruments related to identity management. Tim is also a key contributor to the Public Sector Profile of Pan-Canadian Trust Framework, a collaborative effort with the Provinces and Territories, to develop a standards-based approach to digital identity for all Canadians.

### **Rodney F. Bugar, Board Chair, Innovacorp, President, Accelerator Inc.**

Rodney Bugar is a founding Director of CAN-TECH and a former President of the association. He is the Chair of the venture capital firm Innovacorp. He has 37 years of experience as a corporate lawyer specializing in technology start-ups. He is the founder of Accelerator Inc. a private investment and advisory firm. He holds a law degree from the University of New Brunswick and a masters of law in international economic law from the London School of Economics. He earned his ICD.D designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD) at the Rotman School of Business.

### **Marissa Carnevale, Partner, Lapointe Rosenstein Marchand Melançon, L.L.P.**

Marissa Carnevale practices commercial and international business law and is co-chair of LRMM's Commercial Law practice group. She has extensive experience in licensing and technology, franchising, supply and distribution matters, as well as related financing and investments.

Marissa specializes in negotiating and drafting complex legal agreements relating to licensing, franchising and distribution, as well as technology-related agreements. Her skilled expertise allows her to regularly advise businesses of all sizes in various industries in connection with matters such as licensing, franchising, e-commerce, intellectual property matters, privacy, social media, contests, product labelling, marketing and advertising, consumer protection, French language matters, and other regulatory areas.

Marissa's experience has provided her with the opportunity to co-author publications on franchising in Canada for the International Law Office, an online periodical, as well as Getting the Deal Through, which publishes a series of guides for legal practitioners worldwide, in their Franchise, Licensing, Distribution & Agency and Practice Guides editions. She has had several speaking engagements, both locally and abroad, principally focused on technology, advertising and franchising.

## **Christopher Cates, Director of Legal Affairs, Intact Financial Corporation**

As Director – Legal Affairs for Intact Financial Corporation, Mr. Cates leads Intact’s in-house legal team responsible for all procurement, IP and real estate matters. Prior to joining Intact in 2019, Mr. Cates had many roles during his 20-year tenure at BCE Inc/Bell Canada most recently serving as BCE Inc’s Assistant General Counsel - Procurement & Patents. Mr. Cates has published articles in multiple journals with respect to IP matters and he is a frequent presenter in respect of IT, patent and procurement strategy. Mr. Cates is also a Six-Sigma "Black Belt" practitioner.

## **Isi Caulder, Partner, Bereskin & Parr LLP**

Isi Caulder is a partner, patent and trademark agent with Bereskin & Parr LLP. She is co-leader of the firm’s Artificial Intelligence (AI) practice group and leader of the Cleantech practice group. She helps high technology clients secure and license patent rights for a wide variety of electrical, computer and mechanical related inventions and advises on strategic intellectual property portfolio development and management. She is a frequent speaker and supporter of the Toronto technology community, mentoring student start up teams at The Entrepreneurship Hatchery and the IMPACT Centre at UofT. Isi plans and coordinates conference programs and recently Co-Chaired the AIPLA Mid-Winter Institute for the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA). Isi is listed in the 2019 Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada as a “Most Frequently Recommended” lawyer in Canada and is listed in 2020 Best Lawyers in Canada.

## **Ted Claypoole, Partner, Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP**

Ted Claypoole leads the Womble Bond Dickinson IP Transaction Team and its FinTech Team and until recently, its Privacy and Cyber Security Team. Ted is past chair of the American Bar Association’s Cyberspace Law Committee in the Business Law Section. He serves on the Leadership Council of the ABA Business Law Section. He formerly worked as in-house technology counsel for Bank of America and for CompuServe.

He is co-author with Theresa Payton of two books from Rowman & Littlefield Publishers titled Privacy in the Age of Big Data and Protecting Your Internet Identity: Are You Naked Online? Ted has assembled and edited a book called The Law of Artificial Intelligence and Smart Machines for the American Bar Association, published August, 2019. Ted edits and is the primary writer for the Hey Data Data blog on technology, law, business and risk.

## **Jennifer Davidson, Associate, Deeth Williams Wall**

Jennifer Davidson practices technology law and intellectual property law at Deeth Williams Wall LLP, advising clients on protecting and commercializing innovations including outsourced transactions, procurement, intellectual property licensing, privacy and regulatory considerations, particularly with respect to emerging technologies and artificial intelligence. Jennifer also advises clients on cybersecurity preparatory and response measures.

Jennifer is the Chair of the Ontario Bar Association’s IT&IP Law Section, board member and executive member of the Canadian Technology Law Association (CAN-TECH), Co-Chair of the Women in Technology committee @CAN-TECH, and member of the advisory board of an internationally recognized science and technology university.

Jennifer is a frequent speaker and writer on technology, cybersecurity, privacy and intellectual property law.

## **Cristian Dragnef, President, Seratos Inc.**

Cristian Dragnef is a senior management consultant with more than 20 years of experience and extensive expertise in information risk and security management, quality management systems, IT service management, and software development.

He has successfully managed projects and provided business advisory services to clients across North America, working with corporate leaders to develop and implement quality and security initiatives, information security frameworks, and quality management and security management systems.

He has led project teams and supervised the assessment and implementation of information security management and quality systems for telecom providers, equipment manufacturers, software providers, global news and media corporations, engineering firms, sourcing providers, management consultants, mining corporations, health care providers and law firms.

Cristian is a Certified Risk Manager (CRM) and an accredited ISMS Lead Auditor with BSI, IRCA, CSA-STAR and WLA. Cristian is the owner and president of Seratos Consulting Inc.

## **Michael Fekete, Partner, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP**

Michael is Osler's National Innovation Leader and partner in the Technology Group. He is a leading practitioner in the area of information technology, government procurement, Internet and privacy/anti-spam law and is recognized in all major peer rankings. As National Innovation Leader, Michael is leading Osler's modernization of legal service delivery, including the development of products and tools that help meet the business imperative of doing more with less.

## **Jon Festinger, Q.C., Of Counsel, Whiteboard Law**

Jon Festinger, Q.C. joined the Whiteboard team in August, 2019. He has over 35 years' experience as a lawyer, strategic advisor and educator in the areas of digital media, creative freedoms as well as entertainment, communication and sport matters. As a graduate of McGill University's Faculty of Law, Jon began his legal career in private practice, in turn becoming General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of WIC Western International Communications Ltd., Senior Vice President of the CTV Television Network and EVP Business & General Counsel of the Vancouver Canucks and GM Place. He brings a wealth of experience, having held leadership positions with various organizations including as currently Chair of viaSport B.C. and a Trustee of the BC Sports Hall of Fame. Previously, Jon has been Chair of Ronald McDonald House British Columbia, Director of the eatART Foundation, Director of City Opera Vancouver, and Director of the Vancouver Board of Trade.

Jon has taught media, entertainment, communications and corporate law topics for almost three decades. Currently, he is a Professor of Professional Practice at Simon Fraser University, a faculty member at the Centre for Digital Media, Adjunct Professor at the University of British Columbia's Allard School of Law and Faculty in Residence of the UBC Emerging Media Lab. As well he is Sessional Faculty at the Faculty of Law, Thompson Rivers University and Honorary Industry Professor, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London School of Law. Jon is the author of the first edition of Video Game Law published by LexisNexis in 2005, and co-author of the second edition published in 2012, and is Co-Editor & chief of the Interactive Entertainment Law Review (Edward Elgar).

Jon has been member of the Law Society of British Columbia's Rule of Law and Lawyer Independence Advisory Committee since January 2014.

### **Jasmin Ganie-Hobbs, Senior Development Banker Technology Industry, BDC**

As a Senior Banker to the Technology Industry, Board Member, and Advisor, Jasmin provides both in-depth financial and consulting expertise to entrepreneurs. For over 16 years Jasmin has worked extensively with many of Canada's best and brightest companies, especially those in emerging technology, innovation, and knowledge-based industries.

Her extensive experience has contributed to making her one of the most successful financiers in the industry, with a reputation for an astute ability to determine the viability of a business's potential. Jasmin is well versed in helping companies to scale, and reach new heights. Her role at the Business Development Bank of Canada often sees her as a frequent industry speaker on the topics of finance, entrepreneurship, technology and innovation, and women in business. A graduate of York University with a background in Political Science and Business Administration, her true passion lies in philanthropy and giving back to the community through mentorship and outreach especially to those in marginalized communities.

### **Dr. Katharina Garbers-Von Boehm, LL.M., Partner, Büsing Müffelmann & Theye Lawyers and Notaries**

Katharina Garbers-von Boehm is a German lawyer focusing on intellectual property law, information technology-related matters, as well as art law. In her practice, she advises among others German and international Companies with a special focus on mid-size tech-companies acting internationally. Katharina has published extensively in relevant journals.

She is a frequent speaker and panelist at international conferences (IBA, UIA, FBA and Librallex among others).

Katharina is practicing as a lawyer since 2007. She is fluent in German, English and French and reads Italian. Katharina's educational background includes: law studies in Heidelberg (1997-1998), a *Maîtrise en Droit (mention droit des affaires)* at *Université Panthéon-Assas* (Paris II) (1999-2000), law studies in Berlin (1999-2003) followed by an LL.M. in International Studies in Intellectual Property (Exeter/Dresden) (2004); a doctorate about the digitization of museum archives (2005-2008).

### **Justine Gauthier, *Conseillère juridique principale* | Senior Legal Counsel, Mila**

Justine Gauthier is the Senior Legal Counsel of Mila (Quebec's Artificial Intelligence Institute), where she is responsible for all legal affairs including governance, intellectual property, and contractual matters. On a mission to build bridges between science, legal and business in the artificial intelligence industry, she is focused on bringing value to the development and real-world applications of breakthrough machine learning technologies.

Prior to taking on her role at Mila, Justine practiced corporate law & governance as well as commercial litigation at Fasken LLP.

Justine also devotes time to the advancement of young girls in STEM, and serves as chairwoman of the board of a contemporary dance organization.

## **Vanessa Henri, Associate, Fasken**

Vanessa specializes in data protection and information security law. She advises organizations on the operationalization of related concepts such as privacy and security by design. She is a Certified Data Protection Officer (CDPO) with proven experience in assisting organizations with data protection legislation, such as the General Data Protection Regulation, and other standards affecting entities operating on a data-driven market. Vanessa helps organizations, in particular in the sector of emerging technologies, to manage legal risks relating to data in a preventive manner, allowing organizations to build trust with their customers and acquire a competitive edge.

## **Elena Iosef, Legal Counsel, Tata Consultancy Services Canada**

Elena Iosef acts as Legal Counsel for Tata Consultancy Services (“TCS”), a global IT service, consulting and business solutions company which employs over 448,000 trained consultants in 46 countries. Elena practices in the areas of technology, privacy and intellectual property law, with a focus on complex outsourcing transactions. Prior to her time at TCS, Elena worked in private practice for boutique intellectual property firms, where she advised clients on the protection and commercialization of their innovative assets. Elena is a board member of CAN-TECH and Chair of its Artificial Intelligence and Diversity and Inclusion Working Groups.

## **Lori Kay, Procurement, Assistant General Counsel, Bell Canada**

Lori Kay leads the in-house procurement team at Bell Canada. Her team supports both internal and resale procurement engagements for Bell Canada and its affiliated entities (including hardware and software procurements, SaaS/Cloud services and roaming arrangements). Immediately prior to her joining the procurement team, Lori was senior counsel supporting Bell’s enterprise sales team. In that role Lori was responsible for negotiating complex commercial arrangements for the provision of Bell’s products and services to enterprise customers including some of Canada’s largest companies. As a result of Lori’s experience and expertise on both sides of complex buy/sell transactions, Lori has a balanced perspective on difficult to negotiate contractual matters. Prior to joining Bell Lori was an associate in the insolvency and restructuring team at McCarthy Tetrault.

## **Jason S.T. Kotler, BA, JD, MBA, CMC, President & CEO, CYPFER Corp.**

Jason has significant global experience operating companies and leading strategic corporate initiatives. Jason has held Founder/CEO/COO/Board, Private Equity, Investor and Management Consultant roles in the Cyber Security, IOT/IIOT, CleanTech, Renewable Energy, Oil & Gas, Metals & Mining, Technology and Medical Devices industries. Prior, he was the Chief Administrative Officer of Waterton Global Resource Management, a Tech Startup Founder/Professional, a Senior Strategy & Transformation Consultant with Capgemini and he practiced Corporate Commercial, Intellectual Property and Privacy law with McMillan LLP. Jason is a former member of the Board of Directors of The Atmospheric Fund and is a member of TAF's Investment Committee. Jason is a member of the Bar of Ontario, holds an MBA (Deans Honours) from the Richard Ivey School of Business, a JD from Osgoode Hall Law School, a Bachelor of Art, Visual Arts (with Distinction) from Western University, and is a Certified Management Consultant qualified by the Canadian Association of Management Consultants.

## **Arun Krishnamurti, Counsel, Google**

Arun is an experienced technology lawyer with a track record of practical, business-oriented legal advice. After having worked at a leading law firm, and now in-house at Google Canada, Arun's well versed in analyzing and responding to complex (and frequently cross-border) legal issues, including product launches, cloud services and other outsourcing agreements, consumer protection and many other commercial and regulatory topics. Arun currently sits on the board of Can Tech, and remains actively involved in his communities, by taking active mentorship roles, as well as supporting diversity and equity seeking groups.

## **Tamar Krishnamurti, PhD, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Clinical and Translational Science, Tenure Stream, University of Pittsburgh, Center for Research on Health Care**

Tamar Krishnamurti is an Assistant Professor of Medicine and Clinical and Translational Science at the University of Pittsburgh. She received a Ph.D. in Behavioral Decision Research from Carnegie Mellon University. Dr. Krishnamurti's research interests include risk perception and communication, medical decision making, mHealth, and the design of decision support tools, and behavioral interventions. In addition to her academic work, Dr. Krishnamurti is the co-founder of Naima Health, a company that develops health tools using behavioral science and machine learning to engage patients in their clinical care.

## **François Lajeunesse, *Conseiller juridique principal* | Senior Legal Counsel, Bell Canada**

François Lajeunesse is Senior Legal Counsel for Bell Canada and BCE Inc., practicing in the areas of commercial law, technology law and intellectual property. As such, he provides legal services in those areas in connection with various commercial transactions and other legal matters for BCE Inc., Bell Canada and their affiliates, including in connection with technology procurement, IP licensing and technology transfers. François is a Certified Information Privacy Professional/Europe (CIPP/E) from the International Association of Privacy Professionals.

## **Lisa R. Lifshitz, Partner, Torkin Manes LLP, Barristers & Solicitors**

Partner in Torkin Manes' Business Law Group, and leader of its Technology, Privacy and Data Management Group specializing in IT and privacy/cybersecurity law. Recognized for Computer & IT Law, Technology Transactions in The Lexpert® Directory since 2005; by Best Lawyers in Canada for Information Technology Law, Privacy and Data Security Law, Technology Law, Chambers Canada/Chambers Global, Who's Who Legal as a Global Elite Thought Leader in Data Privacy & Protection, Data Security and Information Technology. Current Chair of the ABA BLS Robotics and AI Subcommittee, Cyberspace Committee, and is a member of the SciTech Lawyer Editorial Board. Current director/past President of CAN-TECH; former director of ITechLaw. Authors a monthly technology column for Canadian Lawyer. Co-editor and a contributor to Cloud 3.0: Drafting and Negotiating Cloud Computing Agreements, published by the ABA (May 2019).

## **Maya Medeiros Partner, Lawyer, Patent Agent, Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP / S.E.N.C.R.L., s.r.l.**

Maya Medeiros is an intellectual property lawyer and patent agent, with a degree in mathematics and computer science. She is a key contributor to [www.aitech.law](http://www.aitech.law) on the ethical and legal implications of artificial intelligence.

She advises on IP strategy and manages international IP portfolios that involve patents in the field artificial intelligence. She advises on open source considerations for AI tools and datasets. She drafts and negotiates agreements for the development and use of complex technology assets by a range of stakeholders including research institutions, AI vendors, data providers, funders, enterprises, and startups.

### **Allen Mendelsohn, Internet Law Specialist, Sessional Lecturer, McGill University, Faculty of Law**

Allen Mendelsohn has been a Montreal-based sole practitioner specializing in internet, technology and privacy law for more than a decade. He holds an MBA and three law degrees from McGill University, which included writing an award-winning Masters' thesis on internet video and copyright. After working in commercial law at a large Montreal firm, he worked as Vice-President of an internet company, and now combines those experiences to advise a variety of clients on a wide range of internet legal issues. He has taught Internet Law at McGill's Faculty of Law for the last 4 years, and has lectured on internet law at numerous other universities, as well as in a host of other public and private forums. He regularly appears in a variety of media including the CBC and CTV discussing legal matters relating to the internet and privacy, and writes a popular blog about internet legal issues at [allenmendelsohn.com](http://allenmendelsohn.com).

### **Nina Moritsugu, Legal Director & Associate General Counsel, Workday Canada**

Nina Moritsugu is Workday's Canadian Country Counsel and helps bring Workday's ground-breaking software and related innovations to the Canadian market. Nina oversees outbound licensing, professional services and complex transactional matters including negotiating with Canadian commercial enterprises, regulated industries, as well as all levels of publicly funded entities while also serving as Regional Rep for Workday's Global Integrity Team. Nina is a member of Workday Legal's VIBE (Value Inclusion, Belonging and Diversity) team representing the lawyers in the field. Prior to joining Workday, Nina held leadership positions at Shopify Plus, Nasdaq and Marketwired. Nina also spent several years at Cognition, now known as Caravel Law, after her stint at SOMA Networks, as start-up, which was her first in-house technology role after leaving Gowlings' litigation group. Nina's representation of enterprises across all sizes and growth trajectories gives her a unique perspective on how companies have used technology to solve complex business problems, most recently using cloud platform technology.

### **Teodora Niculae, Legal Counsel, Behavior Interactive**

Teodora is legal counsel for Behaviour Interactive, one of North America's largest independent video game developers. Since her articling days, Teodora's practice focuses on clients in the software development and entertainment industries. At Behaviour Interactive, she drafts and negotiates various commercial agreements and supports the business on a range of matters, including intellectual property, marketing, and privacy. She also manages the implementation process of technology tools to automate and improve her team's workflow. In addition to being a mentor for Pro Bono Students Canada projects, Teodora is passionate about innovation in the legal field and contributes to multiple committees of the Bar Association of Montreal.

### **Ramneek Padda, Senior Litigation Counsel, TELUS Legal Services**

Ramneek Padda is Senior Litigation Counsel with TELUS Communications Inc., where he manages litigation across Canada and internationally. Ramneek has appeared as counsel in commercial arbitrations and at all levels

of court in British Columbia. He has also been instructing counsel on a number of significant litigation matters, including intellectual property/patent claims, complex leasing and insolvency/CCAA disputes. Prior to joining TELUS in 2011, Ramneek clerked for the Supreme Court of British Columbia and worked as a litigator for several years with Owen Bird in Vancouver, B.C. In 2017, he was the recipient of the LEXPERT Rising Stars: Top 40 Leading Lawyers Under 40 in Canada Award.

### **Laila Paszti, Of Counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP**

Laila Paszti is a technology and data privacy lawyer. She regularly advises businesses on digital innovation, evolving multi-jurisdictional privacy regimes, and data governance, as well as on data security best practices, cyberbreach response, and regulatory investigations. She has practiced technology and privacy law in both Canada and the United States which allows her unique insight into a wide range of domestic and international privacy compliance matters. She is often called to provide legal and technical advice on artificial intelligence (AI) innovation and commercialization in the healthcare and financial sectors. She has a masters degree in chemical engineering and has held positions as a software applications engineer at ExxonMobil where she designed and implemented AI software solutions. She is called to both the Ontario and New York bars and is a certified Information Privacy Professional, with concentrations in Canadian law (CIPP/C) and European law (CIPP/E).

### **Jonathon Penney, Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School**

Jon is a legal scholar and social scientist who joined the Faculty at Osgoode Hall Law School in July 2020. He is also a Research Affiliate at Harvard's Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society and a long time Research Fellow at the Citizen Lab based at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy.

A native of Halifax, Nova Scotia, he has studied law at Columbia Law School as a Fulbright Scholar and at Oxford University as a Mackenzie King Scholar. He holds a doctorate in "Information, Communication, and the Social Sciences" from the Oxford Internet Institute at the University of Oxford (Balliol College, 2016). Before joining Osgoode, he taught law at Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University and spent time as a Senior Research Fellow at the Technology and Social Change (TaSC) Project at the Harvard Kennedy School's Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics, and Public Policy and as a Research Affiliate of Princeton's Center for Information Technology Policy.

Jon's research and teaching expertise lies at the intersection of law, technology, and human rights, with strong interdisciplinary and empirical dimensions. From established technologies like the internet and social media to emerging ones like artificial intelligence and machine learning, he aims to understand the legal, ethical, and human rights implications of technology and its role in public and private sector practices such as surveillance, privacy/data protection, cybersecurity, disinformation/manipulation, online abuse, and automated legal enforcement. His work has received national and international attention, including coverage in the Washington Post, Reuters International, New York Times, Newsweek, TIME Magazine, NBC News, and The Intercept among others. Recently, his research on privacy and chilling effects was chronicled by Harvard Magazine and won the Reidenberg—Kerr Paper Award at the 2020 Privacy Law Scholars Conference at UC Berkeley Law.

Beyond research and teaching, Jon serves on Advisory Boards for the Cyber Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI), a non-profit whose mission is to combat online abuse that threatens civil rights and civil liberties, and the Law Commission of Ontario's AI and Administrative Decision-Making Project. Additionally, he serves on the Board of Directors for The Canadian Technology Law Association and the Steering Committee for the Free and Open

Communications on the Internet (FOCI) workshop, which is co-located at the annual USENIX Security Symposium.

### **Carole Piovesan, Partner, Co-founder, INQ Data Law**

Carole is a partner and co-founder of INQ Data Law where her practice concentrates on privacy, cyber readiness, data governance and AI. Carole is co-chair of the government's Advisory Council for the Exposure Notification application, a tool being used throughout Canada to reduce the spread of the coronavirus. She is also co-chair of the data governance working group for the Standards Council of Canada and a member of the Data Governance Working Group for the Global Partnership on AI, where she is actively contributing national and international guidance on data governance and responsible AI. In 2018, Carole was appointed by the federal Minister of Innovation to serve as one of six Digital Leaders in the national data and digital transformation consultations. These consultations helped to inform the first national Digital Charter that was announced on May 21, 2019.

### **Parna Sabet-Stephenson, Partner, Gowling WLG**

Parna Sabet-Stephenson, a partner at Gowling WLG, is widely recognized for her expertise in all aspects of outsourcing, technology law and e-commerce. She is a member of the Canadian delegation to the e-commerce working group of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, currently considering issues regarding digital identity.

### **Teresa Scassa, Canada Research Chair in Information Law and Policy and Full Professor, University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law**

Dr. Teresa Scassa is the Canada Research Chair in Information Law and Policy at the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law. She is a member of the Canadian Advisory Council on Artificial Intelligence and a senior fellow with the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI). She is the author of Canadian Trademark Law, and co-author of Digital Commerce in Canada, and Canadian Intellectual Property Law. She is a co-editor of the books Law and the Sharing Economy and Interdisciplinary Approaches to Intellectual Property Law. Her research interests include: privacy law, data governance, intellectual property law, law and technology, law and artificial intelligence, and smart cities.

### **Ron Segev, Founding Partner, Segev LLP**

Ron is a founding partner of Segev LLP. As a practical-minded business lawyer, sensitive to risk, with a keen eye for opportunity, he is bottom-line focused and brings operations, managerial, business development and M&A skills and experience to the table.

Ron assists his clients with gambling, technology, regulatory compliance, corporate finance, corporate, and commercial matters. He has experience advising on international licensing and structuring issues, and has worked with companies in every remote-gaming licensing jurisdiction of note. Ron's clients have been active in all verticals of gaming and betting, including casino, poker, sportsbook, skill games, social games, sweepstakes, lotteries, DFS, vSports, and eSports. Ron has been a specialized iGaming attorney for more than a decade, and is a frequent contributor to major iGaming publications and seminars. He is widely sought out as a leading iGaming lawyer, and is a General Member of the International Masters of Gaming Law.

As former General Counsel and Senior Legal Counsel for one of the largest online gaming companies in the world, Ron has extensive experience in the iGaming sector and has appeared as an expert speaker on the topic at various high-profile events and conferences. Segev LLP has been ranked in the Chambers and Partners 2021 Guide as a top tier firm for Gaming and Licensing, and Ron has been rated as a Band 1 gaming lawyer – the highest ranking offered by Chambers and Partners.

“Ron Segev is distinguished in the Canadian gaming and licensing space for his deep-seated experience in the online gaming sector. With complementary securities and technology expertise, his "technical understanding in gaming is as strong as anyone in the industry," clients enthuse.”

### **Alina Silvestrovici Paun, Senior Counsel, TD Bank Group**

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