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CANADA-UNITED STATES LAW INSTITUTE'S AWARD
PRESENTATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT
COMMISSION

Speaker – Chi Carmody
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INTRODUCTION

Daniel D. Ujcz

MR. UJCZO: I invite Chi Carmody, our Canadian Director,¹ to present our inaugural award on behalf of the Canada-United States Law Institute to Commissioner Olson representing the International Joint Commission.²

Chi Carmody

MR. CARMODY: Commissioner Olson, we are proud to have the opportunity to present this plaque. The Canada-United States Law Institute at Case Western Reserve University School of Law³ and The University of Western Ontario Faculty of Law⁴ presents its inaugural award to the International Joint Commission (IJC) on the occasion of the Canada-United States Law Institute's twenty-fifth Annual Conference, and the centennial of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909.⁵

¹ See Canada-United States Law Institute: Founding Institutions & National Directors, http://cusli.org/about/founding_institutions.html (last visited Nov. 1, 2009).

² See International Joint Commission: Commissioners, http://www.ijc.org/en/background/biogr_commiss.htm (last visited Nov. 1, 2009).

³ See generally Case Western Reserve University School of Law, <http://law.case.edu> (last visited Oct. 28, 2009).

⁴ See generally The University of Western Ontario Faculty of Law, <http://www.law.uwo.ca> (last visited Oct. 28, 2009).

⁵ See Canada-United States Law Institute, *An Example of Cooperation and Common Cause, Enhancing Canada-U.S. Security through the Great Lakes and North American Trade*,

The Canada-United States Law Institute celebrates the IJC's one hundredth year of preventing and resolving disputes between Canada and the United States, as well as, its pursuit of the countries' common good by serving as an independent and objective adviser to the two governments.⁶ The Canada-United States Law Institute heralds the Boundary Waters Treaty and the IJC as the leading examples of cooperation in the world community's most important bilateral relationship, this the 4th day of April, 2009. Congratulations.

ACCEPTANCE OF INAUGURAL AWARD ON BEHALF OF THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION

Speaker – Allen Olson

MR. OLSON: If you look at your program, you will note that three of my colleagues with the International Joint Commission (IJC) were supposed to be here, however, they were unable to attend. I am honored to represent, not just my current colleagues on the IJC, but also those commissioners from 1909 through 2009.⁷ A hundred years of commissioners did the best they could to represent both sovereign nations in addressing the complex issues that arise from our shared marine border.⁸

First, I will just take a moment to tell you about myself. There was some public notice that I was to be nominated for this position.⁹ I was in banking

available at http://cusli.org/conferences/annual/annual_2009/documentation/2009_CUSLI_Conference_Program.pdf; see Treaty Between the United States and Great Britain Relating to Boundary Waters, and Questions Arising Between the United States and Canada, U.S.-Gr. Brit., Jan. 11, 1909, 36 Stat. 2448 [hereinafter Boundary Waters Treaty]; see also International Joint Commission: Treaties and Agreements, <http://www.ijc.org/rel/agree/water.html#text> (last visited Nov. 1, 2009) (providing background about the Boundary Waters Treaty, the text of the Boundary Waters Treaty, and its relevance to the establishment of the International Joint Commission).

⁶ See Boundary Waters Treaty, *supra* note 5 (establishing the International Joint Commission one hundred years ago to resolve disputes between Canada and the United States); see generally International Joint Commission, *supra* note 2 (detailing the International Joint Commissions objectives, decisions, plans, and history).

⁷ See generally International Joint Commission, *supra* note 2.

⁸ See generally *id.*

⁹ See Tom Bengtson, *IBCM Exec gets Bush Appointment*, NW. FIN. REV., Oct. 1, 2002 (discussing Commissioner Allen Olson's nomination by former United States President George W. Bush to the International Joint Commission, and Commissioner Allen Olson's former role in the finance community in Minnesota); see also Rob Blackwell, Nicole Duran, & Michele Heller, *Washington People*, AM. BANKER, Dec. 2, 2002, at 4 (mentioning Commissioner Allen Olson's nomination and the subsequent confirmation by the United States Se-

in Minnesota, and like most industries, there are newspapers and communication organs for banking. The American Banker called and asked “why are you being nominated for the IJC?”¹⁰ We are familiar with one another, because we discussed economic and banking issues for a number of years prior. We spoke philosophically, and I said that the twentieth century could be defined as the century of fossil fuels or petroleum, and that the twenty-first century, in my opinion, would be the century of fresh water.

What is amazing about IJC is that for a hundred years, two sovereign nations have considered complex issues together over eight thousand kilometers or five thousand miles. I do not want to belabor the point, however I will say that the three commissioners, who are not here, wanted to be here. Sam Speck,¹¹ who is from Ohio, had some bad food in Washington, D.C. We were there this past week for one of our two biennial meetings.

The other two co-chairs also had good reasons why they simply could not be here. The Right Honourable Herb Gray, who co-chairs the Canadian section, is an icon of Canadian politics and governance, a remarkable person.¹² Plus, he is actually a bit of an expert on rock and roll, and I think he has an extraordinary music collection. He and I were talking the other day about Bill Haley and the Comets in the 1950s, and he came close to tears because he knew he could not make it. He said, “Well, Alan, I hope you will get over to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in my place,” and I said, “Herb, I am here to represent the Commission, not Rock and Roll.”

So, thank you to the Canada-United States Law Institute we are truly partners in the extraordinary enterprise of protecting our most important resource, our shared waters, for the next one hundred years. Thank you very much.

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¹⁰ See generally Blackwell, AM. BANKER, Dec. 2, 2002 at 4 (noting Commissioner Allen Olson’s nomination).

¹¹ See generally International Joint Commission: Commissioners, *supra* note 2; see also International Joint Commission: Commissioners: Sam Speck, http://www.ijc.org/rel/about/bio_speck_e.htm (last visited Nov. 1, 2009) (providing Commissioner Sam Speck’s biographical information).

¹² See generally International Joint Commission: Commissioners, *supra* note 2; see also International Joint Commission: Commissioners: The Rt. Hon. Herb Gray, http://www.ijc.org/rel/about/bio_gray_e.htm (last visited Nov. 1, 2009) (providing biographical information for the Canadian IJC Chair, the Right Honourable Herb Gray).

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Speaker – Daniel D. Ujcz

MR. UJCZO: Thank you, Commissioner. It has been a long and, hopefully, beneficial two-and-a-half days for everyone. However, there is one last piece of business before our adjournment.

All of you noticed our faithful court reporters working during these proceedings. This conference will be published in the next volume of the Canada-United States Law Journal, which is the most cited Canada-United States legal journal and publication.¹³ Our students edit and publish the journal during the summer and fall. It is now my great privilege to introduce to you, our staff for next year.

First and foremost, our Editor-in-Chief is Carl Frederick Brooker IV. Our Managing Editor is Amanda Koeth. Our Publication Editor is Kuangshi Cao. Our Production Editor is Steve de Eyre. Our Executive Editors are Adam Morris, Andy Finn, Eric Sidle, Faraz Nayyar, Jon Smith, Joseph Monroe, Kate Beukenkamp, Katie Saks, Michael Arnold, Ryan DeYoung, Ryan Galloy, Sean Sobel, and Radha Subramanian, who is at The University of Western Ontario Faculty of Law.¹⁴ These are the individuals who will be running the journal.

Thank you, and enjoy the rest of the evening here in Cleveland.

¹³ See generally Canada-United States Law Institute: Canada-United States Law Journal, <http://www.cusli.org/lawjournals/lawjournal.html> (last visited Nov. 1, 2009) (“The Canada-United States Law Journal is the first and only academic law journal dedicated to the exploration of the complex trade relationship between Canada and the United States.”).

¹⁴ See *id.*