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SECURITY AND THE ECONOMY: THE NORTH AMERICAN COMPUTER AND COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Chios C. Carmody
Introduction

For those of you who I have not had an opportunity to meet, my name is Chios Carmody. I am a Professor of International Law at the University of Western Ontario. I am also the Canadian Director of the Canada/U.S. Law Institute. I stand, together with Henry, in welcoming all of you to this session. This particular panel is on the subject of security and the economy, the North American Computer and Communication Infrastructure. I am joined this morning by Selma Lussenburg of AT&T Canada, and Theodore Theofrastous of Cleveland to discuss these issues.

Like all of the panel in this year's annual meeting, the issue of the North American Computer and Communication Infrastructure has become much more important since 9-11, but perhaps unlike some other issues that we have been examining, it was something that the North American public had at least a passing acquaintance with before September 2001 by virtue of successive waves of computer viruses that have become an all too common feature of the Internet access we enjoy today and by other common computer related endeavors such as the Y2K upgrade initiative that took place worldwide three years ago. These themes of antagonism, aggravation, and common annoyance reveal that we are all tremendously interconnected and Internet dependent. We are all, therefore, very vulnerable to anything that degrades the security of our communications and computer infrastructure. This threat has been treated differently in different countries, but in the North American context, it has been given a great deal of attention and it has been dealt with as a common concern across several industries. In the conference materials that you have been given there is an excellent introduction to these issues. To help us understand more of these issues this morning, we have two very highly qualified speakers.

The first is Selma Lussenburg. Selma joined AT&T Canada Enterprises Company as corporate counsel in 1997. She assumed her current responsibilities as AT&T's Chief Regional Counsel for Canada and Vice President of Legal Affairs for AT&T's Operations in Canada in 1998. In this role, Selma supports and provides counsel in connection with AT&T's investments and operations in Canada. Prior to joining AT&T, Selma practiced with the law firm of Borden & Elliott, Fasken, Martineau,

DuMoulin, and the Sydney office of the Australian law firm of Allend, Arthur, & Robinson.

While in private practice, Selma focused on domestic and international corporate commercial transactions, including international trade matters. Selma is a Canadian Representative to the Trade Minister's NAFTA Advisory Committee on the resolution of private international commercial disputes. She is also a member of the advisory board of this Institute. Her academic qualifications include a diploma from the Hague Academy of International Law in the Netherlands, an LL.M. in International Law from the Australian National University in Canberra, as well as Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Science Degree.

Our second speaker this morning is Ted Theofrastous. Ted is Chief Commercialization Counsel for the Cleveland Clinic Foundation where he handles various business and intellectual property matters within the Clinic's CCF Innovations Group. Ted was previously with the law firm of Squire, Sanders, & Dempsey here in Cleveland, where he specialized in private equity and technology transactions and business formation.

Ted is a native of Maine and for that particular reason I would like to think of him as almost a Canadian. He received his Bachelor Degree from Marlboro College in Vermont, where he majored in European history and macroeconomic theory. He received his Law Degree from this institution, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, where he has the distinction of serving as Editor in Chief of the Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law. Ted currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Cleveland International Lawyers Group and is an active member on various committees of the World Trade Center Cleveland. He is also a member of the Case Western Reserve University Adjunct Law Faculty. Without any further delay, I would like to introduce Ted, who will be speaking to us on his subject.

Thank you.