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INTRODUCTION: STATES, PROVINCES, AND CROSS-BORDER INTERNATIONAL TRADE

M. Catherine Vernon

Thank you for joining us on this beautiful, sunny day in Cleveland. It is good to see you all. My name is Kathy Vernon. I am senior corporate counsel with Marconi Medical Systems, formerly Picker International. We changed our name last November. We manufacture MRI and CAT scan and nuclear imaging equipment around the globe, and I am very pleased that Henry invited me to join you this morning and moderate this panel on states, provinces, and cross border international trade.

We are going to start by introducing our second speaker for you, Mr. Carl Grenier, to my right, who is Executive Vice-President and General Manager of the Free Trade Lumber Council. After studying mathematics and geography at the University of Laval and teaching for five years, Mr. Grenier entered the Canadian Foreign Service, the External Affairs Division in 1976. Among many other duties he was assigned to the Canadian Delegation to the Tokyo Round of GATT, the multi-lateral trade negotiations in Geneva from 1976 to 1979. In 1983, he joined the newly formed Quebec Department of External Trade where he became Director General of Trade Policy in 1987. He spent the next eighteen years working on trade policy for the Quebec government. He was involved in the Uruguay Round of the GATT and became Assistant Deputy Minister in 1990 holding several high-level policy and management positions in three ministries: International Affairs, Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and Industry Trade, Science and Technology. In 1999, he joined the Free Trade Lumber Council as Executive Vice-President and General Manager. He tells me he spent twenty years working on the softwood lumber agreement and is certainly well-versed on the underlying issues.

Our first speaker is Professor Matthew Schaefer. He just finished his term as Director of International Economic Affairs in the Office of the National Economic Council at the White House. He is, more importantly now, an assistant professor of law at the University of Nebraska College of Law where he teaches courses in international trade law, international business transactions, international law, and international trade law and policy seminars. In 1993 to 1995, he served as a consultant to the National Governor's Association and the Western Governor's Association on the NAFTA and GATT, Uruguay Round Agreements, and U.S. implementing

acts of those agreements. He has a Bachelor of Arts in economics with honors from the University of Chicago and, from the University of Michigan, a J.D. Magna Cum Laude, an Order of the Coif, an LL.M. in international law, and an S.J.D, as well. We welcome Professor Schaefer.