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INTRODUCTION

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We have to move ahead to a very broad topic, the broad-scale legal effects of NAFTA. We have a glittering array of speakers here, and I want to hear what they have to say. Let me introduce them to you.

Pat Murphy, our first speaker, is a legend in American law, a Rhodes scholar. He has been the head of about everything from the Section of International Law and Practice, where I first encountered him, and then the Southwestern Legal Foundation. He is also a senior partner at Baker & Botts in Houston, and he has written some very wonderful articles.

Larry Herman, our second speaker, is associate counsel with the law firm of Cassels, Brock & Blackwell in Toronto, where he specializes in international trade and international business transactions.

Like Pat, Larry has held about any office you can hold in private and public sector activities. He is a widely known and highly respected columnist on international business law for the Financial Post of Toronto, which is Canada’s Wall Street Journal. Larry holds a B.A. and LL.B. from the University of Toronto, and he is a member of the Saskatchewan and Ontario bars.

Substituting for Bill Kryzda is Beatrice Prati of the Mexican law firm of Bryan, Gonzales Vargas y Gonzales Baz in Mexico. She is now with the New York office of that law firm where she specializes in trade matters. By way of biographical data, she has a J.D. from Southern Methodist Law School in Dallas and a Bachelor of Arts in international relations and Latin.