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CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Consul General Colin Bird

Consul General of Canada in Detroit

Colin Bird is the Consul General of Canada in Detroit. He has been in this position since 2019 and is responsible for promoting trade and investment between Canada and the United States, as well as providing consular services to Canadians living in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. Prior to his appointment as Consul General, Bird served as the Director General of the North America Bureau at Global Affairs Canada. In this role, he was responsible for managing Canada's relationship with the United States and Mexico, as well as overseeing the work of Canadian consulates in the United States. Bird has also served as the Director General of the Trade Policy Bureau at Global Affairs Canada, where he was responsible for developing and implementing Canada's trade policy. He has been involved in numerous trade negotiations, including the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). In addition to his work in international trade, Bird has also been involved in a number of community organizations, including the United Way and the Ottawa Food Bank. Bird holds a Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree in Government Studies from Harvard University and a Doctor of Laws (LL.B.) from the University of Ottawa.

The Honorable James Blanchard

Co-Chair of the CUSLI Executive Committee, Senior Counsel at DLA Piper, formerly Governor of Michigan, United States Ambassador to Canada, United States Representative from Michigan

James Blanchard is a former Governor of Michigan and United States Ambassador to Canada, who has been recognized for his outstanding performance in public service. During his tenure as governor, he turned around Michigan's finances, attracted business investment and trade, and improved economic competitiveness, leading to the creation of over 751,000 new jobs. As ambassador, he managed a broad range of trade, environmental, and national security issues between the United States and Canada, playing a key role in the passage of NAFTA and the Open Skies Agreement. Blanchard remains active in US-Canada relations and diplomatic affairs, serving as co-chair of the Ambassadors Circle of the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and co-chair of the Canada-US Law Institute. He is also the author of *Behind the Embassy Door*, a book that shares his experiences as ambassador.

Professor Chios Carmody

Canadian National Director of the Canada-United States Law Institute, Associate Professor of Law at the University of Western Ontario Faculty of Law

Chios Carmody has taught at the University of Western Ontario Faculty of Law since 1999, where he teaches courses in public international law, international trade law and international business transactions. He also serves as Canadian Director of the Canada-United States Law Institute. He has been a visiting professor at Georgetown University Law Center and an Emile Noël Fellow at the Jean Monnet Center for Regional and International Economic Law & Justice, NYU Law School.

The Honorable David L. Cohen

United States Ambassador to Canada

Before his appointment by President Biden and unanimous confirmation by the U.S. Senate as U.S. Ambassador to Canada, David L. Cohen served as Senior Advisor to the CEO at Comcast Corporation as of January 1, 2020. He was previously Senior Executive Vice President at Comcast, where his portfolio included corporate communications, legal affairs, government and regulatory affairs, public affairs, corporate administration, corporate real estate and security, and community impact. Cohen also served as the company's first chief diversity officer. Before starting with Comcast in July 2002, Cohen served as a partner in and Chairman of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, one of the 100 largest law firms in the country. From January 1992 to April 1997, Cohen served as Chief of Staff to the Honorable Edward G. Rendell, the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia. Cohen served on many nonprofit boards, including as chair of the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania and its Executive Committee; as a member of the trustee board and the executive committee of Penn Medicine; as a member of the board of directors and the executive committee of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce; as chair of the Philadelphia Theatre Company; as a member of the Board of the National Urban League; and as

chair of the corporate board of advisors of Unidos US. Cohen also previously served as a member of the U.S. Semi-quincentennial Commission. He also served on the board of directors of the PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. and PNC Bank, National Association. A native of New York, Cohen graduated with a B.A. from Swarthmore College in 1977 and with a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School summa cum laude in 1981. Cohen has received numerous honors and recognitions, including Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University. Prior to his appointment to Ottawa, he lived in Philadelphia with his wife.

Andrew Doctoroff

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Professor Diane Francis

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Diane Francis is a well-known journalist, author, broadcaster, and editor-at-large at the National Post. She writes for publications around the world and is a regular contributor to radio and television, the PostMedia newspaper chain, Atlantic Council in DC, Singularity University Hub, the American Interest in DC, and Kyiv Post, among other publications. She is a sought-after speaker at conferences on technology, geopolitics, US-Canada, business, energy, Russia-Ukraine, and white-collar crime. She is also on the faculty at Singularity University in Mountain View California, a nonresident senior fellow at the Atlantic Council in Washington DC, a distinguished professor at Toronto Metropolitan University, and is on the boards of the Hudson Institute's Kleptocracy Initiative and the Canada-US Law Institute. She is a member of Abundance360, created by Silicon Valley influencer and space pioneer Peter Diamandis, who leads this exclusive group of 250 entrepreneurs. She has also served as a director on the boards of two New York Stock Exchange-listed corporations.

Jeff Labonté

Assistant Deputy Minister for Natural Resources Canada Lands and Minerals Sector

Jeff Labonté joined Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) in 1993. Prior to being named Assistant Deputy Minister for Lands and Minerals Sector, Mr. Labonté served as Assistant Deputy Minister for the Major Projects Management Office. He was formerly Director General, Energy Safety and Security Branch and International Energy, and Director General, Petroleum Resources Branch in the Energy Sector, at NRCan. He has also held senior executive positions at the Geological Survey of

Canada and the National Mapping Agency. Jeff holds a Bachelor's Degree in Geography and Political Science, as well as a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Carleton University. He has also completed the Public Sector Leadership and Governance program at the University of Ottawa.

Kimberly Lavoie

Director General of the Policy and Economics Branch in the Lands and Minerals sector of Natural Resources Canada

As Director General of the Policy and Economics Branch in the Lands and Minerals sector of Natural Resources Canada, Kimberly is responsible for key areas related to Canada's mining sector. This includes the Critical Minerals Centre of Excellence, the Canadian Minerals and Metals Plan and relations with provinces and territories, International Affairs and Trade – including investment attraction and export promotion, Strategic Policy – including innovation, as well as Economic Analysis. In January 2019, Kimberly joined Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) as a Consultation Director for the Trans Mountain Expansion Project (TMX), building on over 20 years of experience working with Indigenous Communities. Subsequently, Kimberly took on the role of Executive Director of the Phase IV Partnerships Office, designed to provide a single window into government with respect to TMX accommodation measures and to address questions, issues and concerns as they arise. Prior to joining NRCan, Kimberly held several roles at Public Safety Canada, including Director of Crime Prevention and Aboriginal Community Safety as well as Director of Drug Policy. She also has experience in evaluation, program development, working with industry and nongovernmental organizations, as well as federal, provincial, territorial and international relations. Kimberly is a mother to a teenage boy and a member of the Qalipu First Nation. She graduated from Carleton University with Honours in Law. Over the past 24 years, much of Kimberly's work has focused on responding to needs and concerns of marginalized Canadians, in partnership with organizations and communities across the country. One of Kimberly's greatest gifts is her ability to bridge the divide between community and government.

Andy Leslie

Canadian Army General (Retired), former MP and Parliamentary Secretary

Lt. General the Honourable Andrew Leslie, PC, CMM, MSC, MSM, CD, MA has been a soldier, business leader and federal Member of Parliament. As the former Commander/Chief of Staff of the Canadian Army, he has led very large organizations in both peace and war. He has worked as a Senior Vice President of a large corporation, board director and consultant on leadership, governance and risk management. As a parliamentarian he was a member of the Privy Council, Chief Government Whip and Parliamentary Secretary focused on Canada-US relations, helping with NAFTA and other global matters.

Peter MacKay

Former Attorney General and Minister of Defense of Canada

Peter MacKay is a Canadian lawyer and politician who served in various ministerial positions in the administration of 22nd Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper. These included Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Minister of National Defence and Minister of Foreign Affairs. He was born on September 27, 1965, in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, Canada. He graduated from Acadia University in 1987 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and from Dalhousie University in 1990 with a Bachelor of Laws. He was called to the Nova Scotia bar in 1991 and began practicing in New Glasgow, focusing on criminal and family law.

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Washington Correspondent, The Canadian Press

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Richard Newcomb

Partner, DLA Piper – Chair, International Trade Practice Group, former Director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the United States Treasury Department

Richard Newcomb is a partner at DLA Piper and chairs the International Trade Practice Group. He has considerable international experience dealing with target governments, front-line states, like-minded allies, multilateral organizations (the United Nations, the European Union and others), financial institutions and private sector clients. From 1987 to 2004, Richard served as director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the United States Treasury Department. OFAC administers and enforces economic and trade sanctions based on US foreign policy and national security goals against targeted foreign countries, terrorists, international narcotics traffickers, and those engaged in activities related to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

The Honourable Jim Peterson

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The Honourable Jim Peterson is the Co-Chair of the CUSLI Executive Committee and a counsel at Fasken LLP. He is also a former Canadian minister of international trade and has extensive experience in international trade negotiations. Peterson served as the Member of Parliament for Willowdale from 1980 to 1984 and from 1988 to 2008. During his time in Parliament he served as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Trade and as the Chair of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade. Peterson has been involved in numerous

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Josh Rogin is a columnist for the Global Opinions section of the Washington Post and a political analyst with CNN. He is also the author of *Chaos Under Heaven: Trump, Xi, and the Battle for the 21st Century*, released March, 2021 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Previously, Josh has covered foreign policy and national security for Bloomberg View, Newsweek, The Daily Beast, Foreign Policy magazine, Congressional Quarterly, Federal Computer Week magazine, and Japan's Asahi Shimbun. His work has been featured on outlets including NBC, ABC, CBS, FOX, MSNBC, NPR, and many more. Josh has been recognized with the Interaction Award for Excellence in International Reporting and as a Finalist for the Livingston Award for Young Journalists. He has also received journalism fellowships from the Knight Foundation, the East-West Center, and the National Press Foundation. Josh holds a BA in international affairs from the George Washington University and studied at Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan. He lives in Washington, DC with his wife Ali Rogin of the PBS News Hour.

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