

National and International Perspectives on Identity Theft and Fraud

June 20, 2008- Vancouver, BC

Preliminary Programme

Friday, June 20, 2008

Programme Chair: Hon. Chief Justice Lance Finch, BC Court of Appeal

09:00 – 09:15 **INTRODUCTION**

Welcome - Honourable Chief Justice Lance Finch, Court of Appeal of British Columbia

Opening Remarks - Mr. Daniel C. Préfontaine, Q.C., President, ICCLR & CJP

09:15 – 10:30 **PLENARY I - What Is Identity Theft and Fraud: Defining And Measuring The Problem**

This plenary examines what we mean by identity theft and identity fraud in this increasingly technological age and assesses the scope of the problem. It will examine existing measures to safeguard personal information and identify gaps.

Moderator: Donald Sorochan Q.C., International Society for the Reform of the Criminal Law

Speakers:

- Sergeant Ken Athans, Identity Theft Task Force - Vancouver Police Department
- Robert Fodor, Vice President, Risk Management, Interac Association
- Mary Carlson, Executive Director, Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, BC
- Harold Munro, Deputy Managing Editor, Vancouver Sun

10:30 – 10:45 Tea/Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:00

PLENARY II - What Needs To Be Criminalized – What Does Not: National And International Perspectives

This plenary examines existing and proposed criminal prohibitions on identity theft and fraud from a national and international perspective. Proposed offences, exemptions and related measures are canvassed.

Moderator: Hon. Justice Richard Mosley, Federal Court of Canada, and Chair International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy Board of Directors

Speakers:

- Joanne Klineberg, Counsel, Criminal Law Policy Section, Department of Justice Canada
- Jonathan Rusch, Deputy Chief for Fraud Section, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice
- Vincent Yang, Professor, International Centre for Criminal Law Reform Representative

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:15

PLENARY III - Prevention And Enforcement: National And International Options And Challenges

This plenary examines what can be done to prevent identity theft and fraud, from various perspectives. The challenges which law enforcement agencies face when investigating these crimes will be considered.

Moderator: Hon. Mme Justice Anne Rowles, The Court of Appeal of British Columbia

Speakers:

- John Mitsopoulos, Min. of Government Services, Government of Ontario and the Co-chair of the ID Theft Working Group of the Consumer Measures Committee
- Mr. Bill Crate, Director, Security, Canadian Bankers Association
- Joshua Hawkes, Q.C., Appellate Counsel, Department of the Attorney General of Alberta

15:15 – 15:30

Tea/coffee Break

15:30 – 16:45

PLENARY IV
- International Cooperation in the fight against Identity Theft

Given the international scope of many identity theft and fraud schemes, international cooperation between states becomes essential when addressing these crimes. This plenary will consider some of the challenges in international cooperation in this area.

Moderator: Donald K. Piragoff, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Sector, Justice Canada

Speakers:

- Kuniko Ozaki, Director, Division For Treaty Affairs, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- Michael Levi, Professor, Cardiff University, UK
- Peter German, Assistant Commissioner, RCMP
- Peter Stabler, Prosecutor, Identity Theft and Chronic Offenders, Vancouver Crown Counsel

16:45 – 17:00

Closing Remarks

Programme Chair: Chief Justice Finch

17:00 – 19:00

Reception

** Please note that this preliminary programme may change in substance and/or organization



SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Programme Chair:

The Honourable Chief Justice Lance Finch, Court of Appeal of British Columbia

Programme Committee Members:

Janine Benedet, Associate Professor, University of British Columbia Law

Chantal Bernier, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Safety Canada

James Caron, Programme Coordinator, ICCLR & CJP

Annemieke Holthuis, Counsel, Criminal Law Policy Section, Justice Canada

Kathleen Macdonald, A/Executive Director, ICCLR & CJP

Donald Piragoff, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Sector, Justice Canada

Daniel Prefontaine Q.C., President, ICCLR & CJP

Mme. Justice Anne Rowles, Court of Appeal, B.C.

Donald Sorochan Q.C., Managing Partner BC, Miller Thomson LLP

The International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy

Wishes to recognize the following organizations for their support of this symposium:

The Law Foundation of British Columbia

The International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law

Faculty of Law, University of British Columbia

School of Criminology, Simon Fraser University