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Symposium

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PREFACE

This special Symposium issue of the *Penn State International Law Review* contains papers presented at the 15th Biennial Meeting of the International Academy of Commercial and Consumer Law, held in Toronto, Canada, on July 22-24, 2010. Academy President Jay L. Westbrook presided over the Meeting. A distinguished and able Committee, chaired by Professor Tony Duggan, with Professors Benjamin Geva, Stephanie Ben-Ishai and Jacob Ziegel as members, served as Program organizer. The Program was graciously co-hosted by the University of Toronto Faculty of Law and Osgoode Hall Law School.

Presently consisting of approximately 112 leading world scholars from thirty-seven countries,¹ the Academy continues its tradition of Biennial Meetings addressing vital contemporary global issues at important legal and cultural centers around the world. At the Toronto Meeting, legal experts addressed a broad spectrum of topics including

1. Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Puerto Rico, Russian Federation, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Uruguay, UK, United States.

International Trade, Corporate Law, Banking and Finance, Bankruptcy and Insolvency, Consumer Protection and Conflicts of Law and Enforcement. The wide range of topics addressed suggests the broad spectrum of scholarly interests of Academy members.

The papers published in this Symposium address timely cutting-edge global issues. Emergence of global markets; new national, regional and global governmental entities; new information technologies; and the challenges of international terrorism require development of new institutions, procedures, and norms to meet the needs of the world community. The papers contribute to the development of the rule of law and a more rational world order by highlighting the international nature of commerce in an increasingly globalized world, the common problems faced across jurisdictions, and the benefits in solving commercial and consumer problems by attention to approaches elsewhere.²

We invite you to enjoy each of the papers which follow. They provide us with a useful frame of reference as we respond to the emerging needs of the increasingly interrelated and globalized twenty-first-century world.

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2. See COMMERCIAL AND CONSUMER LAW: NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DIMENSIONS, Preface (Ross Cranston & Roy Goode eds., 1993).