

## Programme

SATURDAY

**Breakfast:** 8:30 – 9:30

### **FOSTERING HARMONIOUS INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION: THEORY & PRACTICE**

9:30 – 11:00

Chair: **Peter Cullen**, Montreal

*Harmonization under the Model Law and the CISG: A Critical Assessment*

**Janet Walker**, Toronto

*Harmonization techniques*

**Fabien Gélinas**, Montreal

*Dissemination and publication systems*

**Monica Canafoglia**, UNCITRAL

**Break:** 11:00 – 11:15

### **LOOKING AHEAD: THE NEXT 25 YEARS**

11:15 – 12:45

Chair: **Armand de Mestral**, Montreal

*The influence of the Model Law on non-Model Law countries*

**George Bermann**, New York

*An international arbitrator's perspective on where reform of national laws  
should be focused*

**Yves Fortier**, Montreal

*An agenda for the future*

**Jernej Sekolec**, Vienna

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# The Model Law after 25 years

## Global Perspectives on International Commercial Arbitration Law

*A McGill – UNCITRAL Conference*

*The UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration has been extremely successful at fostering transnational understandings in key areas of the law of arbitration. McGill University, in partnership with UNCITRAL, is pleased to present this global conference, which will take stock of what has been achieved and offer a hard look at the current and future challenges facing the law of arbitration. Speakers will address recurring issues in the implementation and application of the Model Law and take a close look at the ongoing process of harmonization it set in motion more than 25 years ago.*

24 – 26 November 2011  
Faculty of Law, McGill University  
3644 Peel Street  
Montréal, QC, Canada

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THURSDAY

17:00 – 18:00 : **Registration**

18:00 – 20:00 : **Welcome Reception**

*Sponsored by Stikeman Elliott*

## FRIDAY MORNING

**Registration and Breakfast:** 8:00 – 9:00

### **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

9:00 – 9:15

### **LEGISLATIVE IMPLEMENTATION**

9:15 – 10:30

Chair: **Bevin Worton**, Ottawa

*Review of the Model Law's implementation after 25 years*

**Timothy Lemay**, UNCITRAL

*Harmonization and impact on the New York Convention regime*

**Judith Ann Freedberg**, Miami

**Break:** 10:30 – 10:45

### **RECURRING ISSUES: PRE-AWARD**

10:45 – 12:40

Chair: **Andrew McDougall**, Ottawa

*The enforcement of arbitration agreements*

**Lawrence Boo**, Singapore

*The parties' obligation to promptly object to procedural violations*

**Cecilia Flores**, Mexico

*Direct review of arbitral jurisdiction during the pre-award phase*

**Simon Greenberg**, Paris

*Proceedings before the tribunal*

**Jean-G. Castel**, Toronto

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12:40 – 14:00

**Lunch**

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

### **RECURRING ISSUES: POST-AWARD**

14:00 – 16:00

Chair: **Martin Valasek**, Montreal

*The relationship between setting aside and enforcement proceedings*

**Henri Alvarez**

*Discretion under articles 34 and 36*

**Amokura Kawharu**, New Zealand

*Substantive & procedural public policy*

**Stefan Kröll**, Cologne

*Delocalisation and its relevance in post-award review*

**Loukas Mistelis**, London

**Break:** 16:00 – 16:15

### **FOSTERING HARMONIOUS INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION: A JUDICIAL PERSPECTIVE**

16:15 – 17:45

Chair: **Stefan Kröll**, Cologne

*The experience of using international and foreign sources*

**Justice Quentin Loh**, Singapore

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**Justice Michael Lorbacher**, Munich

*The courts' duty to take into consideration the relevant int'l normative context*

**Frédéric Bachand**, McGill