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- ✓ Mining lawyers in private practice
- ✓ Transactional, Securities, Environmental and Corporate/Commercial lawyers
- ✓ Financial Services Executives serving the mining industry
- ✓ Industry analysts
- ✓ In-house counsel in mining companies
- Senior operational and financial executives in mining companies
- ✓ Consulting engineers, accountants and others who advise the mining industry
- ✓ Government



Program

DAY 1 • MONDAY

9:00 A.M. Raising Capital: Equity

- Preparing for a public offering
- Acquisition financing options
- · Impact of technical reports on raising capital
- MJDS offerings
- Private placements advantages and disadvantages
- Early exercise of warrants as a financing option

Toronto Faculty: Mark Bennett and Andrea Fitzgerald, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP Vancouver Faculty: Brian Abraham, Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP

9:45 A.M. ► Mining Tax

- Exploration and development costs write offs & tax credits
- Financing with flow-through shares
- Mining taxes
- Use of partnerships in mine development and operations
- Foreign structuring exploration stage
- Foreign structuring development & production
- Mergers and acquisitions

Toronto Faculty: **Michael Colborne**, Thorsteinssons LLP Vancouver Faculty: **Douglas Powrie**, Thorsteinssons LLP

10:30 A.M. ▶ BREAK

10:50 A.M. Environmental Assessment and Mining Activities

- Triggers for Environmental Assessments
- Federal & Provincial Environmental Assessment Process
- Sustainability and Public Participation
- · Comprehensive Studies
- Recent Environmental Assessment Decisions
- Red Chris Mine Decision

Toronto Faculty: **Rosalind Cooper**, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP Vancouver Faculty: **Caroline Findlay**, Blake Cassels & Graydon LLP

11:35 A.M. ► Confidentiality Agreements

- The common law duty of confidentiality in Canada. No agreement? Big problem
- Restricted use clauses and their broad interpretation in the IMA Exploration case
- Permitted use clauses and other foils to the restricted use clause.
 NovaWest Resources decision
- Area of exclusion clauses how definite are their boundaries?
- Standstill provisions a two-edged sword? Impact of the Sunrise REIT decision
- · Practical guidance for "data pigs"

Toronto Faculty: **Fred Pletcher**, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP Vancouver Faculty: **Fred Pletcher**, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP

12:20 P.M. ► LUNCH

1:35 P.M. ▶ Doing Business in Emerging Economies

- Foreign Mining Law Concerns
- Dealing with Political Risk in Emerging Economies
- Mining Transactions in Civil Code Jurisdictions
- Imposing North American Mining Standards in Countries with Emerging Economies
- Foreign Government Regulation
- Appropriate Business Structures

Toronto Faculty: Erik Goldsilver, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP — Chair Jacqueline Jones, Vice President, Legal, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary, Yamana Gold Inc. Patrick Garver, Executive Vice President & General Counsel, Barrick Gold Corp. Simon Fish, Executive Vice President & General Counsel, Vale Inco Limited

Vancouver Faculty: **David Allman**, Edwards, Kenny & Bray LLP — Chair **Christopher Lemon**, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary, First Quantum Minerals Ltd. **David Deisley**, Vice President & General Counsel, Goldcorp Inc. **Brooke Macdonald**, Vice President, Legal Affairs, Skye Resources Inc.

2:20 P.M. Mining & Aboriginal Peoples: the Case of Canada

- Aboriginal rights and aboriginal title: the constitutional dimension
- The duty to consult: theory and reality
- Recent implications to the mining industry: de facto veto?
- Accommodation and mining interests: examples of success and failure
- Environmental assessment: a vehicle?
- Doing business in a legal vacuum: Participation Agreements, Impact Benefit Agreements and mining ventures

Toronto Faculty: Carmen Diges, McMillan Binch Mendelsohn LLP Vancouver Faculty: Murray Rankin, Q.C., Heenan Blaikie LLP

3:05 P.M. ▶ BREAK

3:25 P.M. ▶ Disputes and Remedies

- Corporate Opportunities
- Fiduciary Duties is there a "Bright Line" test?
- Shareholder Actions

Toronto Faculty: **Peter Roy**, Roy Elliott O' Connor LLP Vancouver Faculty: **Michael Carroll Q.C.**, Davis LLP

4:10 P.M. ► A Primer on Royalties

- · Types of royalty interests
- The creation of a new royalty
- Buying and selling royalty interests
- Registering and securing a royalty interest

Toronto Faculty: **Quentin Markin**, Stikeman Elliott LLP Vancouver Faculty: **Cory Kent**, Lang Michener LLP

4:55 P.M. ▶ DAY'S PROGRAM ENDS

DAY 2 • TUESDAY

8:30 A.M. Mergers & Acquisitions

- Level of historical M&A activity in the mining industry
- Primary drivers/rationale for M&A activity in the mining sector
- Recent public equity market dynamics and its affects on M&A deals
- Outlook for M&A activity in the mining industry

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Vancouver Faculty: Cameron Belsher, McCarthy Tétrault LLP — Chair Matthew Quinlan, Executive Director, IB-Global Mining Group, CIBC World Markets Inc. Steve Swaffield, Managing Director, Investment Banking, Canaccord Adams Inc.

9:30 A.M. ► Sustainability & CSR

- Environmental & Social Risks
- Compliance with Equator Principles and International Standards of Good Practice
- Case Studies & Practical Advice

Toronto Faculty: Karen Clarke-Whistler, Team Leader, Global Sustainability Services, Golder Associates Ltd.
Vancouver Faculty: Leon Botham, Associate, Senior Leader Mining, Golder Associates Ltd.
Gary Letcher, Edwards, Kenny & Bray LLP

10:05 A.M. ▶ BREAK

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DAY 2 • TUESDAY

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10:25 A.M. ► Resource and Reserve Committees: The Evolution of Corporate Governance for Mining Companies?

- Use of resource and reserve committees among public companies
- Rationale for the establishment of a resource and reserve committee
- Relationship of resource and reserve committees on corporate governance best practices
- Impact on director fiduciary duties and securities law liabilities
- Pros and cons of resource and reserve committees

Toronto Faculty: Jay Kellerman, Stikeman Elliott LLP Vancouver Faculty: Jonathan Drance, Stikeman Elliott LLP

11:10 A.M. ▶ Joint Venture Agreements

- Use and Nature of Joint Venture Agreements
- · Formation of a Mining Joint Venture
- · Key Terms of Mining Joint Venture Agreements
- Determining Interests and Participation in the Joint Venture
- Dilution of Joint Venture Interest before and after production decision
- Operators and Management of the Joint Venture

Toronto Faculty: **Brian Dominique**, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP Vancouver Faculty: **Josh Lewis**, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP

11:55 A.M. Raising Capital: Debt

- Types of mining debt finance
- Mining project finance risks the lender's perspective
- Mining project finance issues the borrower's perspective
- Key items in mining project finance loan documentation
- · Mining finance security structures and considerations

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