

Day 2 – Enforcement on the internet

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REGULATING THE INTERNET – REALLY?

THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND ENFORCEMENT CHALLENGES

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Opening remarks



Errol Mendes, President
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Professor Mendes is a lawyer, author and law professor at the University of Ottawa. He has been an advisor to corporations, governments, civil society groups and the United Nations in the areas of corporate law, public and private sector governance, national security and corporate cybersecurity, anti-corruption and corporate social responsibility. He has also acted as an advisor, mediator and arbitrator in disputes dealing in many of the above areas. He has also been a senior advisor in the Privy Council Office of the Canadian Government, appointed by former Prime Minister Paul Martin. He is a frequent contributor to media discussions in the above areas of expertise and is presently a Commissioner on the Ontario Human Rights Commission. He assisted in the drafting of the UN Global Compact, the largest global initiative that links the global private sector with the goals of the UN in the areas of the environment, human rights and anti-corruption.

Moderator



Chantal Bernier, Of Counsel
Dentons Canada

Chantal Bernier leads Dentons' Canadian Privacy and Cybersecurity practice group. She is also a member of the Firm's Government Affairs and Public Policy group. Chantal advises leading-edge national and international companies as they expand into Canada and Europe, enter the e-commerce space, adopt data analytics and roll out data-based market initiatives. Her clients include ad tech companies, financial institutions, biotech companies, data analytics firms and government institutions.

Thanks to Chantal, Dentons is proud to be the only law firm in Canada that has a former privacy regulator on board as a practicing lawyer. During her nearly six years at the helm of the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada (OPC), Chantal led national and international privacy investigations in the public and private sectors, as well privacy audits, privacy impact assessment reviews, technological analysis, and privacy policy development and research.

Speaker



Michele Austin, Head of Government, Public Policy and Philanthropy
Twitter

Michele Austin is the Head of Policy at Twitter Canada. In that role she acts as an envoy for Twitter with government and civil society.

Michele has worked at the executive level in the public, non-profit and private sectors for the last 25 years.

Michele holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Waterloo; a Masters in Public Administration from Dalhousie University; and an executive business management certificate from UCLA.

Michele works remotely for Twitter and lives in Ottawa with her family.



Kevin Chan, Global Director and Head of Public Policy
Facebook

Kevin Chan is Director of Public Policy, Canada, at Facebook. He is also a 2020/21 Technology and Democracy Fellow at Harvard. He has spearheaded the creation of Facebook's Canadian Election Integrity Initiative and the Facebook – Canadian Press News Fellowship, the latter of which has already helped create hundreds of local news articles. He co-founded with the National Arts Centre #CanadaPerforms, the COVID-19 relief fund that provided support to over 700 artists in the early months of the pandemic, and that has since become a national live-streaming platform promoting Canadian culture online. Its success inspired sister initiatives, including #ArtsAcrossAmerica in partnership with the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Kevin played a key role in creating the Facebook-CIFAR Research Chairs in Artificial Intelligence, and the work he led to remove Canadian violent extremists from Facebook's platforms made NOW Magazine's 2019 Year in Review. He has testified before numerous Parliamentary committees, including the International Grand Committee on Big Data, Privacy and Democracy. A graduate of Harvard Kennedy School, the Ivey Business School, and the Royal Conservatory of Music, he is the recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal, awarded for a deed or activity that brings benefit or honour to Canada.

Speaker



Dr. Emily Laidlaw, Canada Research Chair in Cybersecurity Law and Associate Professor
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Emily Laidlaw is a Canada Research Chair in Cybersecurity Law and Associate Professor at the University of Calgary, Faculty of Law, and a member of the Institute for Security, Privacy and Information Assurance. She researches and consults in the areas of information and technology law, cybersecurity, human rights, online content regulation and corporate responsibility. She is author of the book *Regulating Speech in Cyberspace: Gatekeepers, Human Rights and Corporate Responsibility* (Cambridge University Press, 2015).

Emily is a frequent invited speaker on technology law to a variety of stakeholders, from government, to the judiciary, industry, civil society, and academia. As a scholar she actively contributes to law reform and other advisory work, with recent projects for the Federal Government, Law Commission of Ontario, the Uniform Law Conference of Canada and the Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development. Since April 2019, Emily has been the Ethics Advisor to Calgary's City Council.

Speaker



Arif Virani, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
Government of Canada

Arif Virani was first elected as the Member of Parliament for Parkdale—High Park in 2015 and was re-elected in 2019. Arif was appointed by Prime Minister Trudeau as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice, and has served in this role since 2018.

In his first mandate, Arif also served as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Immigration, (2015-2017) helping welcome over 50,000 Syrian refugees to Canada. He was then appointed the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Heritage (2017-18), where Arif worked on Multiculturalism, restoring Canada's Anti-Racism Strategy, and co-developed with First Nations, Inuit and Metis leaders Canada's first-ever Indigenous Languages legislation.