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whistleblowers AND PUBLIC INTEGRITY VANCOUVER NOVEMBER 8-9 2022



On November 8-9, 2022, the [Vancouver Anti-Corruption Institute](#) (VACI) in partnership with the [Ombudsperson of British Columbia](#) will host a major conference on “*Whistleblowers and Public Integrity*” at the [JW Marriott Parq Hotel](#) in Vancouver. Chaired by the Right Honourable Kim Campbell, the conference is designed for public sector leaders; experts in transparency and anti-corruption; those in watchdog, ombuds and advocacy functions; journalists specializing in government integrity and accountability; and anyone whose work involves questions of public sector integrity and accountability. Our many confirmed speakers include the following:



Right Honourable Kim Campbell, *fmr. Prime Minister of Canada*



Alexandra Wrage, *President and Founder, TRACE*



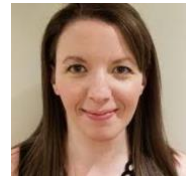
Jay Chalke, *BC Ombudsperson*



Andre Moniz, *Ontario Securities Commission Office of the Whistleblower*



Deputy Minister Bobbi Sadler, *Head of the BC Public Service*



Professor Carroll Boydell, *Kwantlen Polytechnic University*



Jennifer Khor, *CLASBC and Can't Buy My Silence Campaign*



D. Ross McGowan, *Partner, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP*



Jim Wasserstrom, *US State Dept and Founder, Integrity Sanctuary*



Charis Kamphuis, *Univ. of Victoria Environmental Law Clinic*



Marshal Wong, *Senior Manager, Advisory Services, KPMG*



Nolan Fuller, *Attaché IRS Criminal Investigations, US Embassy*



Chris Ewaniuk, *Office of Alberta Public Interest Commissioner*

REGISTER NOW! Conference pricing is \$450 plus applicable taxes, including a light breakfast, lunch, and coffee on November 8th and 9th, and a reception and dinner November 8th. For more information, contact vaciconference@gmail.com. A conference room rate of \$259 plus applicable taxes is available on registration – register now to secure your room at this rate.



See you in Vancouver!



Agenda Highlights

Tuesday, November 8th

~ Continental Breakfast ~

Opening

Welcome to the traditional unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh
Opening remarks from the Right Honourable Kim Campbell, former Prime Minister of Canada,
and Peter German, President of the Vancouver Anti-Corruption Institute

Keynote remarks: “The Whistleblower’s Dilemma”

Alexandra Wrage, President and CEO, TRACE International

~ Network Break ~

Panel 1: Whistleblowing in the Canadian context

Panelists will consider the factors behind the current wave of legislation in Canada, and what is distinct about whistleblowing versus other accountability systems, followed by a moderated question and discussion period.

~ Lunch ~

Panel 2: Case studies of whistleblowing in public bodies

Panelists will take a close look at recent significant Canadian cases, focusing on the issues brought forward by whistleblowers, the institutional responses in each case, and the outcomes, followed by a moderated question and discussion period.

~ Network Break ~

Panel 3: Whistleblowing, personal experience, and outcomes

Panelists will discuss retaliation, mental health, and other outcomes of whistleblowing for whistleblowers themselves, as well as the prospects of limiting the inappropriate use of non-disclosure agreements, followed by a moderated question and answer period.

~ Reception ~

~ Dinner ~

Dinner Remarks: “Founding of the Integrity Sanctuary”

James Wasserstrom, Anti-Corruption Officer, US Embassy, Athens
(*via* live link, with questions facilitated by Alexandra Wrage)

Wednesday, November 9th

~ *Continental Breakfast* ~

Panel 4: BC and Canadian whistleblower law in context

Panelists will discuss BC's Public Interest Disclosure Act in the Canadian context, and contrast legislative approaches to whistleblowing in the US, UK and European Union, followed by a moderated question and discussion period.

~ *Network Break* ~

Panel 5: Whistleblowing in the private sector

Panelists will discuss whistleblowing in the natural resource sector, and incentive structures for whistleblowing, followed by a moderated question and discussion period.

~ *Lunch* ~

Panel 6: Finding the right response

Panelists will consider the role of Designated Officers in public authorities' response to whistleblower reports, and the ethical, legal and practical considerations of internal and outsourced investigations, followed by a moderated question and discussion period.

~ *Network Break* ~

Panel 7: Looking forward as whistleblowing law and practice evolves

A roundtable panel will consider the key challenges and tensions regarding whistleblowing in British Columbia and Canada. Interventions from the floor will be encouraged, reflecting on lessons from our two days together.

Closing

Remarks from the Honourable Murray Rankin, Attorney General of British Columbia [to be confirmed] will be followed by closing remarks of appreciation from the Right Honourable Kim Campbell and from Peter German.

~ *Conference adjourns at 4 pm* ~