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#### By André Gagnon

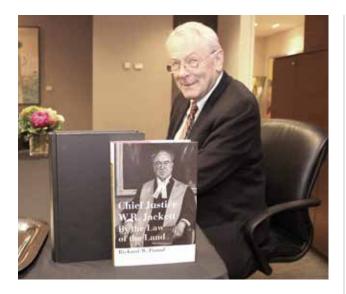
e Richard Dick Pound, a tax lawyer and FPA, joined Stikeman Elliott in Montréal 50 years ago. Still active at 79, he is involved in several legal activities such as chief national editor of the Canada Tax Case review, a prominent tax publication and the *Stikeman Income Tax Act Annotated*. An important tax review publication even bears the name Pound!

He's one of the busiest counsels at the firm. The word retirement is not part of his vocabulary. Not mentioning his involvement in so many world olympic organizations projects including the recent 2020 Tokyo Olympics as a lawyer and FPA Dick is a member of the tax group at Stikeman Elliott where his practice centers also on corporate governance, tax litigation, communications, intellectual property and hospitality. Sports arbitration no wonder is also included.

Dick Pound was born in St.Catharines, Ont., in 1942. His father, an engineer who worked in pulp and paper mills, went from La Tuque, Qué. to Ocean Falls, in B.C., where Dick started serious swimming, to become later an olympic medalist, living in Trois-Rivières and settled in Montréal, at the Montréal Amateur Athletic Association (MAAA) swimming his way to olympic finals. He went to school in this city, getting a B.A., required to enter law school at that time, where he also graduated in commerce and law at McGill University. Much later, Dick Pound would become Chair of the Board of Governors of that institution and its Chanceior.

He joined the business and tax-oriented firm of Stikeman Elliott, a new field of practice for lawyers, located in the early days, in the Bank of Canada building in Old Montréal. Launched by Heward Stikeman and Fraser Elliott, its lawyers soon would be representing large enterprises some of which became multinational firms. The most renowned litigators and corporate lawyers would eventually join Stikeman Elliott, the firm's name that became synonymous with competence and success.

Dick Pound wrote the story of the law firm for its 50th anniversary a few years ago. The book in French and in English became an instant success in legal circles. Other large firms followed Dick Pound's move. The firm expanded to Toronto and other large Canadian cities recruiting its own people merging exceptionally with other well established local law firms.



Dick had published earlier a biography of Chief Justice Jackett of the Exchequer Court in Ottawa specialising in tax cases where he often appeared as a lawyer. Following administrative changes, this court was replaced by the Federal Court and later on became more specialised with tax cases.

Being both a CA (now CPA) and a law graduate, Dick Pound became an expert writer considering his frequent legal tax cases and his law practice as a litigator. Following is a short list of some of his most important cases during his long career.



Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau

Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau recognized Dick Pound's important contribution to the olympic movement and the part he played in the creation of WADA, (World Anti Doping Agency) as the founding president and for his 20 year involvement for clean olympic sports when he recently stepped down in Jan. 2020, as the COVID-19 pandemic was beginning to shut down world activities and Olympic events.

Richard Pound has been an integral part of Stikeman Elliott for the last 50 years, and we applaud his accomplishments, in and beyond the field of law.

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Richard Pound with Frasier Elliott

### Richard Pound has represented clients in those important cases.

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Dick Pound led the Board of Governors of McGill for many years and was appointed Chancellor of this university for 10 years, from 1999 to 2009, as McGill's international reputation was growing, enlisting more and more foreign students and developing MBAs and other management and business courses for people already established as highranking leaders including in health and sciences environment.

Dick's daily schedule added to his practice filled with activities in both of his professions. He has been collecting a rather important number of honoris causa doctorates from Canadian, American and European universities and sports management institutions.

But for many observers, his involvement in the marketing committee negotiating world TV rights and sponsorships for the IOC which were in the range of US\$35 million for the 1976 Montréal Olympic games and grew to present US\$2 billion and US\$1 billion in sponsorships.

### Attorney General James' Statement After New Party Moves to Intervene in NRA Dissolution Case

While we continue to review this motion, we are glad to hear that Mr. Marshall agrees that Wayne LaPierre and his top lieutenants must be removed from the NRA and its leadership will continue because no organization is above the law."

In August 2020, <u>Attorney General James filed a lawsuit against</u> <u>the NRA and four of the organization's current or former top ex-</u> <u>ecutives for failing to manage the NRA's funds; failing to follow</u> <u>numerous state and federal laws, as well as the NRA's own by-</u> <u>laws and policies; and contributing to the loss of more than \$64</u> <u>million in just three years</u>. The suit was filed against the NRA as a whole, as well as Executive Vice-President Wayne LaPierre, former Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer Wilson "Woody" Phillips, former Chief of Staff and Executive Director of General Operations Joshua Powell, and Corporate Secretary and General Counsel John Frazer.

That same day, the NRA filed a countersuit against Attorney General James. This past June, <u>the NRA dropped that counter</u><u>suit in an implicit admission that their strategy would never</u><u>prevail</u>.

This action came after, this past January, in an effort to avoid accountability altogether, the NRA filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy even though the organization still claimed to have healthy financial reserves. Over the course of the bankruptcy trial, LaPierre and other senior leaders admitted that the bankruptcy was simply a way of avoiding New York's enforcement action, yet still stated that they believed that New York courts and judges could be trusted to fairly and impartially oversee the case. In May, a federal bankruptcy after the NRA sought to reorganize in Texas, stating, "that the NRA did not file the bankruptcy petition in good faith."

Then, this past June, the NRA filed new counterclaims, which Attorney General James moved to dismiss.

Today's motion to intervene comes after two NRA members previously sought to intervene in the initial lawsuit and countersuit earlier this year. Earlier this month, <u>Justice Joel Cohen of the</u> <u>New York State Supreme Court rejected the efforts of these two</u> individuals to intervene in both matters.

# Tributes pour in for retiring WADA Board member and Founding President Richard Pound

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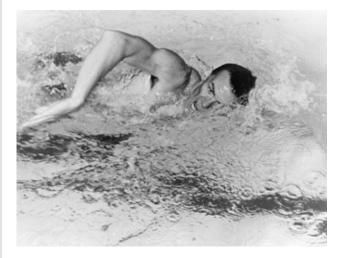
n 31 December 2020, the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA's) Founding President and longstanding advocate for clean sport, Richard Pound, came to the end of his final term on WADA's Foundation Board (Board), having served the Agency with distinction in various capacities since its inception in 1999.



Richard Pound

The positive contribution made by Mr. Pound to the world of sport in general and anti-doping in particular cannot be overstated. A lawyer by profession, he was instrumental in the establishment of WADA nearly 22 years ago, serving for almost nine years as the Agency's first President. In that time, and against the odds, he oversaw the drafting and implementation of the World Anti-Doping Code (Code) which, for the first time, managed to harmonize the rules across sports and nations of the world. In what was a stellar athletic and sports administration career, that remains perhaps one of his greatest achievements.

A swimmer, who represented his native Canada at the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome, Italy, and won four medals at the 1962 Commonwealth Games in Perth, Australia, Mr. Pound applied the same commitment and will to win when it came to protecting clean sport. With integrity, honesty and an unparalleled knowledge of the subject, Mr. Pound navigated this complex and often difficult world, putting



WADA on a firm footing in the early years and helping to strengthen the global anti-doping system thereafter.

Even after concluding his term as President at the end of 2007, Mr. Pound, who is today the longest-standing active member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), re-

mained closely involved in WADA, continuing to serve on the Board and then, in 2015, leading a ground-breaking investigation that uncovered the details of an institutionalized doping scheme within Russian athletics, and led to the Russian Anti-Doping Agency being declared non-compliant with the Code.

On the occasion of his retirement from WADA's Board, a number of leaders from the worlds of sport, government and science have paid tribute to Mr. Pound and reflected on the significant contribution he has made.

WADA President, Witold Banka, said: "For 21 years, the name Dick Pound has been synonymous with WADA and the campaign to protect clean sport. A trailblazer who knew the importance of bringing sports and governments together, Dick has worked tirelessly to establish that collaboration and build the harmonized, robust and fair antidoping system we have today. Everyone who loves sport and who cherishes the values of fair play, owes a lot to Dick and what he has achieved. His knowledge, experience and leadership have been crucial to WADA's success over two decades and we wish him well."



Justin Trudeau, premier ministre du Canada

Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, said: "On behalf of all Canadians, I would like to thank and congratulate Dick Pound for his many years of service with the World Anti-Doping Agency. As the first President, Dick was instrumental in the creation of the Agency. Thanks to his past athletic background, his years of working with various Olympic sports organizations and his credibility, he was able to bring his experience and knowledge to the Agency and in the global fight against doping in sport. He also helped make our country a leader in this fight, including by establishing the headquarters in Montréal. Dick, thank you again. I wish you the best for the future." **IOC President, Thomas Bach**, said: "Richard Pound has made a great contribution for the protection of clean athletes by fighting vigorously against doping. I could experience this first-hand in my early days as an IOC member when we were working together on the then Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code, the forerunner of the World Anti-Doping Code. There, I could appreciate his strong commitment to the integrity of sports and competitions and to the Olympic Values. This clear orientation has been and still is the guiding thread in all the positions he held, in particular as Founding President of WADA. The entire Olympic Movement owes him our gratitude for his outstanding contribution to the credibility of sport."

Three-time Olympian and Chair of WADA's Athlete Committee, Ben Sandford, said: "On behalf of the WADA Athlete Committee and athletes around the world, I'd like to thank Richard for the incredible contribution he has made to clean sport. His vision and leadership have been instrumental in shaping the World Anti-Doping Program and WADA into what they are today. He has helped to make sport fairer and helped us all to continue to believe in the magic of sport. We will forever be grateful for everything he has done."

WADA Director General, Olivier Niggli, said: "Dick Pound was the right person, in the right place at the right time. Having him as President at the beginning of WADA's existence really established the Agency and gave it the credibility that it needed and deserved. He was a pioneer. Starting from scratch, he had to dig the trenches while also managing to move things forward. He led the successful project to harmonize the anti-doping rules across all sports and all countries - I don't think people realize what a singular achievement that was. I'm not sure that such a successful collaboration exists in any other field and Dick's role in that was crucial. He was the life and breath of WADA in those early years. As President, he extolled all the virtues of WADA, such as integrity, transparency and independence, and the world of sport owes him an enormous debt of gratitude."

Chairman of the Institute of National Anti-Doping Organisations, Michael Ask, said: "Mr. Pound is definitely the founding father of modern anti-doping. If it wasn't for his foresight and political savvy, we would not have had a WADA and we would never have had a uniform set of rules as we have today with the World Anti-Doping Code. These have undoubtedly been the most important steps forward

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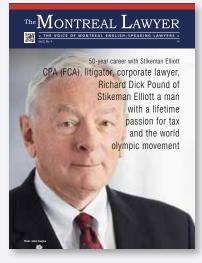
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in the fight for clean sport. One has never been in doubt about Mr. Pound's moral compass. He has always acted as a free agent expressing his opinion clearly without fear or favor. Whether you agree or disagree with his views, Mr. Pound always says what he means and means what he says. For that reason, Mr. Pound will always have my deepest respect."

Olympic silver medal-winning rower and President of the Canadian Olympic Committee, Tricia Smith, said: "Richard's leadership in the establishment of WADA was truly groundbreaking. It is difficult to think of anyone who could have led the organization in those early years as well as he did, bringing the sport system together. Never one to shy away from a challenge, no matter how daunting it seemed, Richard is fearless in the pursuit of that in which he believes. We are fortunate that one of the things he believes in is sport."

Secretary of State for Amateur Sports in the Government of Canada from 1999-2001 and Mayor of Montréal from 2013-17, the Honorable Denis Coderre, said: "Dick Pound is a true gentleman and a great leader. With him, what you see is what you get. I had the opportunity to work with Richard when I was appointed to the Prime Minister's cabinet in 1999 so we were together at the forefront when WADA was established. I was always impressed by his dedication to and passion for sport. He was a true leader, totally devoted to the athletes and a champion of the true values of Olympism. Ethics in sports were always a priority for him. To be part of WADA's foundation is one thing, but to ensure its sustainability is another, and this was possible because of his skillful chairmanship. I always appreciated his ability to get things done at the Board level. His style was a mixture of composure, humor, decency and class, always focusing on results, fairness and a sense of justice. He was never afraid to take the heat for the sake of accountability or to go after the cheaters no matter who they were or where they came from. I want to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a great Canadian. Thank you, Richard, for your contribution, thank you for your friendship, your righteousness and moral stand. It was a privilege, honor, and pleasure to work with you and be at your side. Montréal, Canada and the global sports community salute you."

Director of the WADA-accredited Laboratory at the **INRS Armand-Frappier Santé Biotechnologie Research** Centre, Montréal, Canada and former President of the World Association of Anti-Doping Scientists, Christiane Ayotte, O.C., Ph. D., said: "Richard assumed the first and crucial presidency of WADA with intelligence and passion. Always goal-oriented, he skillfully obtained approval for important decisions at the meetings he led. He understood that the Agency needed to be known and supported publicly beyond political and sporting circles. Thus, with political correctness put to one side, he became a fearsome spokesman to the media, who were eager for his catchy guotes and, in the process, he made WADA indispensable and always relevant. During his presidency, Richard was able to bring together divergent interests and opinions of the various anti-doping stakeholders, delivering the strong public support the Agency received."



For his dedication and contribution to the legal and sporting communities, Woods is honoured to recognize Richard ("Dick") Pound, a distinguished Olympian and jurist who has always risen to the top.



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### Post-COVID fraud: Are we there yet?

#### By Corey Anne Bloom

re we there yet? Are we there yet? For those with kids, that question tends to refer to any outing which requires a car ride. These days, that question has a completely different meaning yet contains the same sense of urgency. About a year ago, I was asked to write an article on The Fraud Effect in a Post-COVID World. The thought at the time was that we would be approaching post-COVID status by January 2021 (or earlier). Yet here we are in Fall 2021 still grappling with COVID and the issues surrounding it. From a financial fraud perspective - what does that mean?

Organizations are at a crossroads when it comes to COVID – there are decisions concerning employees and vaccination status, employee safety, privacy and customer interactions, amongst other things. So how does financial fraud fit into the decisionmaking and why is this important?

So -are we there yet?

The answer is a categorical No.

COVID-related scenarios have continued to proliferate. Recent statistics provided by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners indicate that 51% of organizations have reported an increase in fraud since the beginning of the pandemic and 71% of organizations expect the level of fraud to increase over the next year.

COVID created just the right conditions for financial fraud to thrive. There are many reasons which explain this, including new blind spots surrounding the transition to remote work as well as loss of anti-fraud controls. Scenarios, such as changes to business models and logistics, the changed way of working across all businesses, the loss of employee availability as well as turnover in-



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cluding temporary and permanent layoffs, have created the perfect conditions for financial fraud, both in the present and the future. In addition, much energy and thought has been required by owners and executives to handle the additional COVID-related issues from physical safety measures to remote work needs and challenges. Thus, with so many competing issues, the question becomes: where do fraud-related issues land on the priority list?

Interestingly, with companies now anticipating the returnto-the-office (either full or part-time), a new transition phase has started with a hybrid type of model emerging. Some organizations may require a physical presence while others may be satisfied with their recent experience employing a remote (in whole or in part) connection or adopt a mix of different models.

Attention should be given, in particular, to a review of the status of anti-fraud controls of employees who were

terminated or laid off or whose positions were abolished since risk may exist or be created for new areas of potential fraud. This also presents an opportune time to determine the effectiveness of existing controls and to plan for future effective anti-fraud measures in order to meet the challenges of the new and modified organizational models.

#### **Transition and Post COVID**

As businesses, executives and their managements settle into this new reality, steps can be taken to reduce the risk of fraud. Focus should remain on gaps, including both internal and controllable risk, and external threats. Employee education, fraud risk assessments and anti-fraud plan development or reviews are significant steps when attempting to reduce fraud risk.

Finally, on a more general note, if I am asked again to prepare a Fraud trends article next year at this time, I am hopeful that it will be entitled Post-post-COVID.

### Marc Da Costa joins MDIF's Board of Directors

arc Da Costa, Co-Founder and Chairman of Enigma, a data technology company helping to expand access to credit for small businesses, has joined Media Development Investment Fund's Board of Directors.

Marc holds a doctorate in cultural anthropology from the University of California and his writing about technology and culture has appeared in The New York Times, The Guardian and elsewhere. Marc is also a term member at the Council on Foreign Relations and has held fellowships at the National Science Foundation, Intel Labs, the Robert Bosch Stiftung and the Columbia Journalism School.

"I am delighted that Marc has joined our Board of Directors," said Harlan Mandel, MDIF CEO. "Marc has a worldclass understanding of data, media and organisational transformation, issues that underpin the future direction of our industry. Marc's expertise will be important in guiding our investments in media that hold the powerful to account, provide a platform for civic debate and empower people to build free, thriving societies."

Marc has received numerous awards for his work, including fellowships from the National Science Foundation and Intel Labs. He began his career as an intellectual property strategy consultant to Global 500 technology companies, where he helped develop offensive and defensive licensing strategies.

#### About Media Development Investment Fund

Media Development Investment Fund is a not-for-profit investment fund based in New York, United States. It provides debt and equity financing supported by technical assistance to independent media companies in countries where access to free and independent media is under threat. With more than \$119 million assets under management, since 1996 MDIF has invested more than \$250 million in 131 independent media businesses in 44 countries. Its investments help independent media around the world provide the news, information and debate that people need to build free, thriving societies.

# New ABA book captures the 30-year development of historic, ongoing rule of law initiative

he history of what has been called a "rule of law Marshall Plan" is vividly captured in a remarkable new book filled with both historical detail and dozens of personal accounts. The 67-chapter story, "<u>Build-</u> ing the Rule of Law: Firsthand Accounts from a Thirty-Year Global Campaign," begins with the fall of the Berlin Wall and documents the beginnings, challenges and successes of more than 5,000 volunteers and the growth of this initiative into a global campaign that has, to date, reached more than 100 countries.

Participants in the American Bar Association rule of law efforts have included U.S. Supreme Court justices, dedicated staff and hundreds of volunteers who lived for a year or more without pay in countries seeking to build societies based on the rule of law.

Edited by two longtime ABA leaders, this volume contains the accounts and perspectives of those who conceived and directed the original Central and Eastern European Law Initiative (CEELI) project, dozens of volunteers with remarkable stories to tell, builders of a permanent rule of law institute in Prague (the CEELI Institute) and the lawyers and judges who led these efforts into a global project, now known as the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ROLI). More than 45 fascinating accounts come from heroic volunteers who lived and worked in countries seeking to restructure their governments and legal systems.

These are initiatives that have changed the lives of countless people around the world – and the lives of many who served as volunteers. Former ABA President James R. Silkenat and former ABA International Law Section Chair Gerold W. Libby served as the book's editors. They not only pulled together this remarkable history, complete with country-specific accounts and some 100 photographs, but also analyses that

discuss the meaning of the term "the rule of law," describe lessons learned from 30 years of work on the ground and consider what may lie ahead. This is a book that is as readable as it is timely.

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# IFES Launches the Center for Anti-Corruption and Democratic Trust

n the occasion of the International Day of Democracy, the International Foundation for Electoral Systems' (IFES) President and CEO Anthony Banbury today announced the launch of the <u>IFES Center</u> for Anti-Corruption and Democratic Trust.

Corruption is a triple threat to democracies: It perpetuates unjust systems of power; it stunts the ability of governments to deliver for all people; and it erodes trust in political leaders and democratic institutions. From working on elections in over 145 countries for 35 years, IFES has seen that without effective protections, elections can become the foundation on which corrupt structures are built and sustained.

"Left unchecked, electoral and political corruption threatens the very foundation of democracy, and ultimately can drive violent conflict and humanitarian crises," Banbury said. "IFES' Center for Anti-Corruption and Democratic Trust will forge new partnerships and develop new approaches to counter the dangers that corruption poses to democracies around the world."

The IFES Center for Anti-Corruption and Democratic Trust will focus on improving the ability of democracies to deliver for all people through cross-sectoral anti-corruption initiatives that address the global democratic trust deficit.

"Political corruption thrives and expands in unjust systems of power, so the more unjust or autocratic a country's governing structure, the more corruption can flourish," said IFES' Senior Global Legal Advisor Katherine Ellena, who will lead the new Center. "The Center for Anti-Corruption and Democratic Trust will address pervasive forms of political and electoral corruption that pose the greatest threat to democracy. We will do this by serving as an incubator for new academic and practitioner partnerships and global initiatives that raise awareness of the issues and innovate to address them." The IFES Center for Anti-Corruption and Democratic Trust will advance IFES' mission – Together we build democracies that deliver for all – which reflects our commitment to partnering with people and societies around the world to achieve their right and aspiration for representative and responsive government.

In the coming months, the Center for Anti-Corruption and Democratic Trust will launch fellowships; partnerships with universities, civil society organizations, institutions and the private sector; and priority global initiatives. In addition to Ellena, the Center team will include Senior Global Political Finance Advisor Magnus Öhman, Senior Legal and Justice Advisor Typhaine Roblot, Legal and Anti-Corruption Officer Uchechi Anyanwu, Legal and Research Officer Alexandra Brown and Research Officer Chelsea Dreher.

Learn more about the <u>Center for Anti-Corruption and Demo-</u> <u>cratic Trust</u>.

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# Top Belarus & Venezuelan opposition figures address U.N. human rights council

B oth dissidents testified via remote video to the United Nations Human Rights Council during debates held over new reports on the human rights situations in Belarus and Venezuela.

UN Watch leads a <u>campaign</u> with more than 180,000 supporters to expel Vanezuela's Maduro regime from the UNHRC.

The two dissidents' speeches from today follow below.

**Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya**: (click for video) "Last summer the presidential election in Belarus was stolen. It caused mass protests and a profound political and human rights crisis unprecedented for XXI century Europe.

More than 40,000 peaceful protesters were detained, among them more than 580 were journalists. Today almost 700 are recognized political prisoners, thousands are still in jail and at least 10 were killed.

This barbarity has now become a challenge for regional and international security. Lukashenko's regime hijacks airplanes, uses irregular migrants as a human weapon and threatens neighbouring countries with military aggression. This terrorism has to be stopped.

To do this, I call on all stakeholders to support the mandate of the Examination effort established by the HRC resolution 46/20 and the important work of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus,



Belarus opposition leader Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya and Venezuelan activist Maria Corina Machado, national coordinator of the Vente Venezuela movement, addressed the UN's top human rights body today, invited by the independent non-governmental human rights group UN Watch, based in Geneva.

and to implement the recommendations of the OSCE's Moscow Mechanism Report.

The Belarusian question should also be put on the agenda of the UN Security Council and be considered in the Third Committee on human rights of the UN General Assembly.

Justice must prevail and it will."

Maria Corina Machado: (<u>click for video</u>): "El último informe de la misión independiente para la determinación de los hechos sobre Venezuela evidencia lo que todos sabemos: en Venezuela no hay justicia, no hay respecto a la ley. El régimen Chavista-Madurista se propuso como todo sistema totalitario someter a la justicia.

La justicia no existe para defender el ciudadano sino para oprimirlo, para hacer intocable al régimen y sus corruptos, para imponer el terror, y los que más miedo tienen son los administradores de justicia: jueces, fiscales, funcionarios, y lo sé porque me lo dicen.

Una actuación independiente conforme a la ley es considerada una traición a la tiranía y son ellos entonces tanto instrumentos de la represión como rehenes del sistema.

Este informe demuestra en primer lugar los horrores que se cometen contra civiles y militares utilizando la justicia en Venezuela.

En segundo lugar, que no hay ni habrá justicia mientras el régimen criminal sigue en el poder.

Y, en tercer lugar, que la Corte Penal Internacional debe avanzar en la investigación por los crímenes de lesa humanidad.

Es inadmisible que engañosas negociaciones pretendan obstruir este proceso.

Mi reconocimiento a los defensores de derechos humanos, a los familiares de las víctimas y a las víctimas por su coraje y dignidad.

En Venezuela habrá justicia y la verdad no podrá borrarse.

Mi reconocimiento a ellos que no aceptarán jamás que la justicia se negocie."

Translation: "The latest report from the independent fact-finding mission on Venezuela shows what we already knew: In Venezuela there is no justice; there is no respect for the law. The Chavista-Madurista regime's aim was, like any totalitarian system, to bend justice.

Justice does not exist to defend citizens, but to oppress them; to make the regime and its corrupt allies untouchable, to impose terror. And those who are most afraid are the ones in charge of delivering justice: the judges, prosecutors and civil servants; and I know this because they tell me. Independent action in accordance with the law is considered a betrayal to the tyranny, so these officials are then both instruments of repression and hostages of the system. This report proves, first of all, the horrors that are committed every day against civilians and military officials through the justice system in Venezuela.

Second, that there will be no justice as long as the criminal regime remains in power; and, third, that the International Criminal Court must move forward with the investigation into crimes against humanity. The deceptive negotiations that seek to obstruct this process are unacceptable.

My solemn appreciation goes to the human rights defenders, the victims' families and the victims themselves for their courage and dignity. There will be justice in Venezuela and the truth cannot be erased. My gratitude to those who will never accept that justice can ever be negotiated."

### Attorney General James's Statement on Trump Organization Order

**N** ew York Attorney General Letitia James today released the following statement after the New York County State Supreme Court today unsealed an order that forces the Trump Organization to comply with the Office of the Attorney General's (OAG) subpoenas, otherwise face a third-party firm to "oversee the identification, collection, and review of electronically stored information ('ESI') responsive to OAG's subpoenas":

"For more than a year now, the Trump Organization has failed to adequately respond to our subpoenas, hiding behind procedural delays and excuses. Once again, the court has ordered that the Trump Organization must turn over the information and documents we are seeking, otherwise face an independent third-party that will ensure that takes place. Our work will continue undeterred because no one is above the law."

# DePaul University College of Law 2022 Clifford Scholar in Residence Named

G eorgetown University Law Center Professor Maria Glover has been named the annual Robert A. Clifford Scholar-in-Residence at DePaul University College of Law. A committee of leading civil justice faculty examined the work of professors nationwide who have contributed to this field and chose Glover as the national "rising star" in civil justice, and this year's Scholar.

In her role as Scholar-in-Residence, Glover will participate in classes and faculty activities within her areas of expertise, culminating in a presentation to the entire DePaul community that will feature a response from a senior commentator.

DePaul Law will be hosting an hour-long online discussion with Glover and Professor Samuel Issacharoff, Bonnie and Richard Reiss Professor of Constitutional Law, New York University School of Law. Attendance is free, but registration is required. To register, go to https://2021cliffordscholar.eventbrite.com/ The program offers one hour of CLE credit.

The visitorship complements the annual Clifford Symposium on Tort Law & Social Policy, which has brought together civil justice scholars for the past quarter century to share their ideas and publish their work, and it continues the tradition of developing up-and-coming civil justice scholars. Both programs are made possible through the generosity of alumnus Robert A. Clifford and the support of Clifford Law Offices. Professor Glover is an expert in complex litigation and mass torts, aggregate dispute resolution, civil procedure, civil settlements, and the intersection between private and public regulation. Professor Glover's work has been published in The Yale Law Journal, The Stanford Law Review, The N.Y.U. Law Review, The University of Pennsylvania Law Review, The Vanderbilt Law Review, The N.Y.U. Journal of Law & Business, The William and Mary Law Review, and the Fordham Law Review, among others. In addition to publications in leading law reviews and business journals, her work has been featured in The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, Consumer Reports, Reuters, The Hill, Bloomberg Law, among other media outlets, and has been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The First Edition of her casebook with Howard Erichson, Civil Procedure, was published in 2020 by Wolters Kluwer. Glover is also co-authoring a casebook with Robert Klonoff, D. Theodore Rave, and Elizabeth Cabraser, Aggregate Litigation and Dispute Resolution, which will be published by Thompson West in 2022.

In September of 2021, Professor Glover combined the insights and connections from her work in complex litigation with years-long pro bono work for substance use disorder recovery centers in East Tennessee (where she grew up) to host the Opioid Litigation Summit at Georgetown University Law Center. This Summit was held at a critical juncture in the overdose crisis: Drug overdoses are taking more lives than ever, and litigation against opioid manufacturers is in courtrooms and at settlement tables across the nation. It was also the first of its kind: It convened key experts in comprehensive, divergent, and cross-cutting fields-complex litigation, public health and policy state and local government, members of the Biden-Harris Administration, and people in recovery-for a series of dynamic strategy sessions on maximizing opioid settlement funds to save lives and respond to the overdose crisis.

"My work in civil justice has enabled me to contribute to public policy, from Congress to the White House, from state legislatures to state AG's offices, from the public sphere to the private sector. The Clifford Scholar-in-Residence is a fantastic platform from which to expand these contributions to public policy and civil justice reform," Professor Glover said.

Before coming to Georgetown in 2012, Professor Glover was a Climenko Fellow and Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School. Previously, she clerked for J. Harvie Wilkinson III of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and practiced in the Supreme Court and Appellate practice group at Mayer Brown LLP in Washington, DC. She is a graduate of Vanderbilt Law School, where she was Senior Article Editor of the Vanderbilt Law Review and was awarded the Cecil D. Branstetter Litigation and Dispute Resolution Program Award, the Robert F. Jackson Memorial Prize for the highest scholastic average in the law class, the Law Review Editor's Award, and the First Year Mock Trial Best Oralist Award.

### American woman traumatised after Qatar Interpol warrant

stablished by Radha Stirling, founder and CEO of Detained in Dubai, and a leading voice against Interpol abuse, Interpol and Extradition Reform (IPEX) is a comprehensive initiative to address the widespread and multilayered problems with the current framework of the extradition process, including the many flaws in Interpol itself as an organisation. Radha Stirling has successfully lobbied Australian Parliament to include human rights provisions in their extradition treaty with the UAE, appeared for the defence as an expert witness in several high profile extradition cases and has worked tirelessly to remove wrongfully listed clients from Interpol's database. She has led the call for greater Interpol transparency and reforms to end abuse by an emerging "authoritarian nexus" which misuses the Interpol Red Notice system to circumvent due process.

IPEX demands that Interpol implement practical measures to ensure the protection of refugees from politically motivated malicious extradition requests, including the establishment of data sharing agreements with the UNHCR and national governments so that individuals who have been granted asylum will not be put at risk of extradition to the countries from which they have fled. This proposal is currently supported by prominent barristers in the United Kingdom, human rights organisations, and activists.

Furthermore, IPEX suggests core reforms to state-to-state extradition requests and Interpol protocols to ensure these processes will not be used for political persecution, extortion of debtors, and in an attempt to circumvent international standards of due process by instituting a global criteria for the consideration of extradition requests which include human rights concerns and the integrity of national legal systems.

# Stikeman Elliott continues to lead with the most lawyers ranked across the corporate practice areas in the 2022 Chambers Canada Guide, including most female lawyers

e are proud to share that Stikeman Elliott remains the leading corporate law firm in Canada in the 2022 Chambers Canada Guide for the 7th consecutive year, since the very first release of the guide, with:

- the most lawyers ranked in the Corporate/Commercial practice area across all provinces (7th consecutive year) with 27 lawyers
- the most lawyers ranked in <u>Private Equity</u> across Canada with five lawyers
- the most lawyers ranked across the corporate practice areas: Corporate/Commercial, Capital Markets and Private Equity with 36 lawyers, including the most female lawyers ranked with five

In addition to these results, the firm was named "Corporate Law Firm of the Year" at the <u>Chambers Canada 2021</u> <u>Awards</u>, which reflects achievements over the past 12 months, including outstanding work, impressive strategic growth, contribution to the legal profession, and excellence in client service.

"We are proud to once again, and since the inception of the guide, lead as the Canadian law firm with the most lawyers

ranked across the provinces in the Corporate/Commercial practice area," said <u>Jeffrey Singer</u>, Chair of Stikeman Elliott. "This notable achievement in the Canadian legal market is a result of tremendous strength of our corporate lawyers over the last 12 months and beyond. Further, diversity, equity and inclusion are important factors of our culture, therefore, we are delighted to see that more of our female lawyers are achieving deserved recognition in the guide," added Mr. Singer.

Further highlights of Stikeman Elliott's achievements include:

- 116 individual lawyers recognized, with some being ranked in more than one category – resulting in 136 total lawyer rankings across over 50 practice areas
- Band rankings in 44 practice areas, including 14 top tier (Band 1) rankings:
  - Capital Markets
  - Competition/Antitrust
  - Corporate/Commercial: The Elite Alberta
  - Corporate/Commercial: The Elite Ontario
  - Corporate/Commercial: The Elite Québec
  - Corporate/M&A
  - Dispute Resolution: Class Action (Defence)

- Insurance: Transactional & Regulatory
- Litigation: General Commercial Quebec
- Private Equity: Buyouts
- Real Estate
- Real Estate Alberta
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- REITs

We are also pleased to receive the following feedback from our clients who noted the following about Stikeman Elliott:

"All members of the Stikeman Elliott team are strong based on my experience. Their particular strengths are breadth of coverage and responsiveness (always timely)."

"They are one of the top law firms in Canada for capital markets transactions. Their expertise spans across all sectors, and they excel in understanding what makes sense for all parties involved."

"A deep bench of talent in all major Canadian business centres."

"We value their ability to deal with complex and difficult situations."

"The entire Stikeman Elliott team I work with is very responsive, service-oriented, knowledgeable and experienced."

At Stikeman Elliott, we pride ourselves on the high calibre of services we offer to both domestic and international clients. Our purpose of servicing our clients and meeting their expectations is driven by our constant pursuit of quality and innovation. A full review of Stikeman Elliott's 2022 Chambers Canada Guide rankings can be found <u>here</u>.

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# SAUDIA crowned the World's Most Improved Airline in 2021

The airline wins the Skytrax award for the second time in four years a

nd continues its upward trajectory

Skytrax announced today that SAUDIA is the World's Most Improved Airline of 2021. This is the second time that SAU-DIA has won this award since 2017. That year, the Saudi flag carrier impressively jumped from the 82nd to 51st position, a 40% improvement. This year, however, SAUDIA improved by a stunning 55% and is now 26th in the Skytrax ranking of global airlines.

The award cements the airline's status as a full scale global carrier, constantly innovating its onboard service and culinary offering.

Being awarded this accolade award reflects the dedication to quality and performance improvements in different award categories including cabin crew, food & beverage, in-flight entertainment and more.

The Skytrax award comes as yet another milestone in SAU-DIA's on-going transformation which has led to several other awards and recognitions. The airline's stellar health safety initiatives to ensure passenger safety during the COVID-19 pandemic have attracted global accolades.

With a route network of more than 95 destinations and a fleet of 145 aircraft – operating one of the youngest fleets in the world – SAUDIA is on an upwards trajectory of continued growth in international markets.

Saudi Arabian Airlines Director General, His Excellency Eng. Ibrahim Alomar said, "It is an honor to receive this award on behalf of the entire SAUDIA team who have demonstrated



exceptional commitment to the pursuit of the highest standards globally – from health and safety to the product and experience. I would also like to express SAUDIA's deep appreciation and gratitude to The Custodian Of The Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz, and His Royal Highness the Crown Prince Mohamed bin Salman for their continuous support to SAUDIA, the Kingdom's flag carrier. My congratulations also to SAUDIA's Chairman His Excellency Eng. Saleh Al Jasser and the rest of the Board of Directors on this achievement."

Continued Eng. Alomar: "As part of the airline's SV2020 Strategy & Transformation Plan, SAUDIA has invested in new aircraft, product innovation and service enhancements with a single purpose – to provide all of our guests with the highest level of hospitality and comfort in the skies. We are delighted that the world is noticing and recognizing our efforts."

Commenting on the award, Edward Plaisted, CEO of Skytrax said: "SAUDIA continues to increase its global status and appeal amongst customers. Apart from overall improvement in the main survey, the airline performed well in many other survey sections which are considered for this award. It is a fabulous achievement for SAUDIA to be named the World's Most Improved Airline. Customers definitely recognize this improvement across the end-to-end passenger experience." It is worth mentioning that over a hundred customer nationalities participated in the survey, with the 2021 Awards based on 13.42 million eligible survey entries counted in the final results.

Since the launch of its 'SV 2020 Transformation Plan' in 2015, enhancing the guest experience onboard has been a dedicated focus for SAUDIA. And in the last 12 months, the transformation has been even more rapid: SAUDIA has introduced a range of new products and enhanced existing features, modernizing the guest experience. Various initiatives include the signature Chef-on-board a la carte dining service; dine-on-demand; improved broadband internet connectivity; complimentary messaging plans across all cabins; and a new entertainment platform.

The program hours have consistently increased in the last three years, taking it up to more than 5000 entertainment hours, ensuring that there's always something for everyone flying SAUDIA.

The striking new onboard product is one of the most notable improvements at the airline. In fact, the airline has won sev-

eral awards at major industry events in 2021, receiving recognition for its children's kit; First Class and Female Business Class amenities; catering; and inflight entertainment and connectivity. These improvements have been underpinned by the significantly changed and refreshed SAUDIA fleet. In the past year, new aircraft have entered service, offering renewed product across all cabin classes.

Saudi Arabia is steadily building on its ambitious Vision 2030 program which aims to grow its global aviation and logistics hub; attract over 100 million tourists and capture a significant share of the region's transit market. In the last couple of years, it has eased visa and travel restrictions, invested in the tourism industry, and fostered a business-friendly environment.

SAUDIA, as the national carrier for the Kingdom, is continuously transforming itself to lead the realization of these ambitious targets by offering its guests an unparalleled travel experience without foregoing the essence of Saudi culture. This award reinforces SAUDIA's commitment to constant improvement and growth as it readies itself for a future in which Saudi Arabia is a global travel and business hub.

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### AMICUS BRIEF FILED IN SUPPORT OF U.S. Soccer Federation IN

### Morgan v. U.S. Soccer Federation No. 21-55356 United States Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit

n Wednesday, Independent Women's Law Center (IWLC) filed an amicus brief in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit arguing that the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team was not denied equal pay because the team earned more money than the U.S. Men's National Soccer Team and also were entitled by contract to guaranteed salaries, healthcare, severance pay, and other generous benefits.

The women's team filed a lawsuit in 2019, alleging its players were victims of pay discrimination. They lost in district court in May 2020, after the court found that the women were paid more than the men. On appeal, the women acknowledged they were paid more. The players now argue that, in light of their winning record, they should have been paid according to the terms of the men's contract, which would have given them larger per-game bonuses.

The contract negotiated by the women's union provided higher base salaries, but lower performance bonuses than the men's contract. The women's contract guaranteed that the players would receive their base salaries irrespective of whether the players attended training camp or took the field and irrespective of the team's wins and losses--a decision that proved incredibly wise and lucrative when CO-VID-19 shut down play and the women's team continued to be paid, while the men's team did not. The women also received several benefits the men do not, like healthcare, severance and injury pay, and family leave.

IWLC's brief argues that the Ninth Circuit should not overturn the terms of the collective bargaining agreement pursuant to which the players were paid. Specifically, IWLC contends that a ruling in favor of the women's team will undermine the right of women to negotiate beneficial contracts that are different from those sought by men.

Jennifer C. Braceras, director of Independent Women's Law Center, issued the following statement: "A ruling requiring the U.S. Soccer Federation to pay the female players even more than they earned under the terms of their collective bargaining agreement might benefit these celebrity appellants, but it will rob ordinary female workers of their ability to negotiate favorable workplace arrangements that differ from those of their male peers. It will also undermine our nation's policy in favor of collective bargaining."

May Davis, visiting fellow at Independent Women's Law Center, said, "The contract the women's team bargained for and secured not only paid the players more per-game than the male players, but allowed the women to continue collecting salaries during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, despite not playing any games. The notion that their decision to sign a lucrative and low-risk contract is now, in hindsight, an Equal Pay Act violation, is simply absurd."

Inez Stepman, senior policy analyst at Independent Women's Forum, added, "The Women's team signed a contract with certain risks and rewards. It's ridiculous now for them to say that they should be paid under a different set of rules. These players are using the concept of Equal Pay as a political ploy to further enrich themselves. It is shameful."

Read the brief <u>HERE</u>.

### À la mémoire de PIERRE HÉBERT

14 novembre 1946 - 22 septembre 2021

'est avec tristesse que nous annonçons le décès prématuré de Pierre Hébert, le 22 septembre 2021 à l'âge de 74 ans, suite à un courageux combat face à un cancer virulent.

Il laisse dans le deuil son épouse et complice Francine Bélanger, son fils Charles (Sabrina Bronfen), ses deux petitsfils chéris Charles et Henri.

Il laisse également dans la peine son frère Georges (Danie Clerk), sa soeur Louise et son frère Daniel (Nancy Yapp), son beau-frère Claude Bélanger (Hélène Vézina), sa belle-soeur Marie Bélanger, ainsi que de nombreux neveux et nièces. Pierre laissera un grand vide auprès Richard Roy, ainsi que ses compagnons de golf et de pêche.

Gradué de McGill en droit, Pierre débuta sa carrière chez Ogilvy Renault (Norton Rose Fulbright) en 1973, bureau pour lequel il travaillait encore jusqu'à tout récemment. L'intégrité, la détermination, la courtoisie et la compassion envers les autres l'ont défini tout au long de son parcours tant professionnel que personnel.

Très engagé dans sa communauté, Pierre a été membre de nombreux conseils d'administration dont L'Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal, la Fondation Santé Urbaine et la Fondation Pointe-à-Callière.

Homme de famille et de coeur, il chérissait avant tout Magog, spécialement son quai où se déroulaient de mémorables discussions aussi futiles que sérieuses, en compagnie de ceux qu'il aimait, naturellement avec un verre à la main. Son rire jovial et contagieux sera à jamais gravé dans le coeur des gens qu'il côtoyait. Son absence laissera un vide dans la vie de ses proches, plus particulièrement dans celle de sa famille, pour laquelle il était un mentor bien-aimé.

La famille tient à remercier chaleureusement les membres du personnel et l'équipe médicale de l'hôpital de Verdun,



le CIUSSS du Centre-Sud-de-l'Ile-de-Montréal pour leur professionnalisme, compétence et humanité. Nous tenons à remercier particulièrement le Dr Serge Tohme pour son amitié et son soutien exceptionnel.

La famille recevra les condoléances le mercredi 20 octobre 2021, de 16:00 hres à 19:00 hres au Complexe Funéraire Mont-Royal 1297 Chemin de la Forêt Outremont, Qc. H2V 2P9 (514-279-6540)

Conformément aux directives relatives à la COVID un service commémoratif privé sur invitation seulement sera célébré le jeudi 21 octobre 2021 à la Chapelle Notre-Damede-Bon-Secours, au 400 rue St-Paul Est, Montréal.

Vous êtes invités à partager vos messages de sympathies sous l'onglet livre d'or via la page commémorative : https://mountroyalcem.permavita.com/site/PierreHebert. html?s=50

Pour honorer le souvenir de Pierre, au lieu de fleurs, des dons peuvent être faits à la Fondation Santé Urbaine, Pavillon Deschamps, 1560 rue Sherbrooke Est local F1123, Montréal, Qc H2L 4M1 (514) 765-7302.

#### Signer le livre d'or

### In memory of **PIERRE HÉBERT**

November 14, 1946 - September 22, 2021

t is with sadness that we announce the passing of Pierre Hébert on September 22, 2021 at the age of 74, following a courageous battle with cancer.

He is survived by his beloved wife Francine Bélanger, his son Charles (Sabrina Bronfen) and his two adored grandsons, Charles and Henri. He is also survived by his brother Georges (Danie Clerk), sister Louise, and brother Daniel (Nancy Yapp), brother-in-law Claude Bélanger (Hélène Vézina), and sister-in-law Marie Bélanger as well as by many nephews and nieces.

He also leaves behind his good friend Richard Roy, as well as his golf and fishing partners.

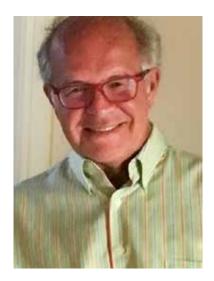
A graduate of the McGill University Law School, Pierre began his career at Ogilvy Renault (Norton Rose Fulbright) in 1973, where he remained until recently. Integrity, determination, courtesy, and compassion for others defined him throughout his long career as well as his personal life.

Very involved in his community, Pierre was a member of many board of directors including the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, the Pointe-à-Callière Foundation, and the Santé Urbaine Foundation.

A family man with a very big heart, he cherished spending time in Magog by the lake sitting on his dock enjoying a glass of wine engaged in many memorable discussions while in the company of those he loved.

His infectious laugh and jovial manner will be cherished forever by all who spent time with him. His absence will be felt by the people who admired and loved him, particularly his family members for whom he was a beloved mentor.

The family would like to thank the staff and medical team of the Verdun Hospital and of the CIUSSS-Centre-Sud-de-



l'Île-de-Montréal for their professionalism, competence, and humanity. We would especially like to thank Dr. Serge Tohme for his support and friendship.

The family will receive condolences on Wednesday October 20th 2021 from 4pm to 7pm at the Mount Royal Funeral Complex 1297 Chemin de la Forêt Outremont, Qc H2V 2P9 (514-279-6540)

As per COVID rules, a private commemorative service on invitation only will be held on Thursday October 21, 2021 at Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel, 400 St. Paul Street East, Montreal.

For online condolences, please visit the memorial page : https://mountroyalcem.permavita.com/site/PierreHebert. html?s=50

To honor Pierre's memory, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to la Fondation de Santé Urbaine, Pavillon Deschamps, 1560 Sherbrooke St. East local F 1123, Montréal Qc H2L 4M1

#### Signer le livre d'or

# Attorney General James to Deliver Up to \$1.5 Billion to Local Communities Throughout NYS to Combat Opioid Crisis

AG James Begins Statewide 'HealNY' Tour to Deliver Money to Cities and Counties Ravaged by Opioid Epidemic, Stops in NYC and Long Island Today

### All 62 Counties Within NYS to Receive Funds for Opioid Abatement

**N** ew York Attorney General Letitia James today began her statewide 'HealNY' tour of New York state, where she will begin delivering the first of up to \$1.5 billion to combat the opioid epidemic. The funds – which will go to all 10 regions of the state – come from different settlements Attorney General James has negotiated following her <u>March 2019 lawsuit against the various manufacturers and distributors</u> <u>responsible for the opioid crisis</u>. While Attorney General James' tour will make stops in dozens of counties throughout the month of October, all 62 counties in New York state will receive funds from the various settlements.

"For more than two decades, New Yorkers have experienced the dire and deadly effects of opioids, but today we are starting the process of delivering up to \$1.5 billion to New York's 62 counties to help our communities rebuild," said Attorney General James. "Today, we begin to heal New York with these funds that will help turn the tide on the opioid crisis. As we embark on a tour across the state, we are ensuring every region and every county gets financial help to recover from the devastation that opioids have inflicted on them. The funds we're infusing into New York today and going forward will be used towards combatting this epidemic with investments in prevention, treatment, and recovery. While no amount of money will ever compensate for the millions of addictions, the hundreds of thousands of deaths, or the countless families torn apart by opioids, this money will be vital in preventing future devastation."

The lawsuit Attorney General James filed in 2019 was, at the time, the nation's most extensive lawsuit against the various manufacturers and distributors of opioids. These manufacturers and distributors were responsible for heavily marketing opioids to doctors, hospitals, health care systems, and others, which led to the over prescription of the drugs across New York and the rest of the nation over the last two decades. The manufacturers named in Attorney General James' complaint included Purdue Pharma and its affiliates, as well as members of the Sackler Family (owners of Purdue) and trusts they control; Janssen Pharmaceuticals and its affiliates (including its parent company Johnson & Johnson); Mallinckrodt LLC and its affiliates; Endo Health Solutions and its affiliates; Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. and its affiliates; and Allergan Finance, LLC and its affiliates. The distributors named in the complaint were McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health Inc., Amerisource Bergen Drug Corporation, and Rochester Drug Cooperative Inc.

Last month, a settlement with Endo was announced that has already delivered \$50 million to New York state and Nassau and Suffolk counties to combat the opioid crisis and remove the opioid manufacturer from New York's ongoing opioid trial.

Also, last month, <u>a settlement that secured more than \$4.5</u> <u>billion – at least \$200 million of which will be earmarked</u> for New York – from the Sackler family and foundations that they control, ends the Sacklers' ability to manufacture opioids ever again, and will shut down Purdue Pharma was <u>announced</u>.

In July, <u>a settlement with McKesson, Cardinal Health, and</u> <u>Amerisource Bergen that will deliver up to \$1 billion to</u> <u>New York state to combat the opioid epidemic was an-</u> <u>nounced</u>.

In June, <u>a settlement that ended Johnson & Johnson's sale</u> of opioids nationwide and that will deliver \$230 million to <u>New York alone was announced</u>. The deals with Johnson & Johnson, McKesson, Cardinal Health, and Amerisource Bergen have a global value of approximately \$26 billion.

The cases against Mallinckrodt and Rochester Drug Cooperative are now moving separately through U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

The trial against the two remaining defendants — Teva Pharmaceuticals USA and Allergan Finance — is currently underway and continues in state court.

Pursuant to the <u>new law establishing the opioid settlement</u> <u>fund</u>, all funds collected by the state from opioid settlements or litigation victories will be allocated specifically for abatement efforts in communities devastated by the opioid epidemic and will not go towards the state's general fund.

Every region, and specifically every county, in the state will receive millions of dollars for prevention, treatment, and recovery programs to combat the opioid crisis.

The figures listed below represent the minimum and maximum amounts each region can receive from the settlements with Johnson & Johnson, McKesson, Cardinal Health, Amerisource Bergen, and Endo. The more localities across the state that agree to the terms of these different settlements, the more each locality is eligible to receive. The figures below do not include payments from Purdue Pharma or the Sackler family, as the regional split for those settlements are still being finalized. Those funds, as well as any funds from future or ongoing litigation, would be in addition to what is listed below.

#### New York City Total:

\$140,173,322.11 - \$256,458,972.37

#### Long Island Total:

\$139,295,547.73 - \$228,312,213.24\*

- Nassau County: \$63,324,249.44 \$102,163,656.72\*
- Suffolk County: \$75,971,298.29 \$126,148,556.52\*

#### Hudson Valley:

\$51,729,983.90 - \$94,455,606.10\*\*

- Dutchess County: \$3,682,781.87 \$6,433,863.62
- Orange County: \$4,360,832.35 \$7,618,425.84
- Putnam County: \$996,022.69 \$1,740,063.46
- Rockland County: \$2,590,593.17 \$4,525,797.00
- Sullivan County: \$1,587,590.46 \$2,773,539.37
- Ulster County: \$2,070,408.78 \$3,617,028.70
- Westchester County: \$10,678,857.89 \$18,888,019.80\*\*\*

#### Capital Region Total:

\$17,812,303.23 - \$32,524,114.04\*\*

- Albany County: \$3,237,298.22 \$5,725,907.53\*\*\*
- Columbia County: \$552,101.82 \$964,528.42
- Greene County: \$666,825.42 \$1,164,951.91
- Rensselaer County: \$1,068,187.17 \$1,866,135.66
- Saratoga County: \$1,411,643.69 \$2,466,158.27
- Schenectady County: \$1,023,351.66 \$1,787,807.49
- Warren County: \$514,587.63 \$898,990.69
- Washington County: \$403,409.72 \$704,761.55

#### North Country Total:

\$7,917,561.70 - \$14,456,955.77\*\*

- Clinton County: \$698,974.92 \$1,221,117.47
- Essex County: \$308,748.84 \$539,387.88
- Franklin County: \$384,453.65 \$671,645.08
- Hamilton County: \$25,444.84 \$44,452.44
- Jefferson County: \$1,070,668.55 \$1,870,470.66
- Lewis County: \$211,096.46 \$368,788.02
- Lawrence County: \$1,037,527.98 \$1,812,573.69 Central New York Total:

\$20,057,166.42 - \$36,623,089.16\*\*

- Cayuga County: \$759,507.23 \$1,326,868.14
- Cortland County: \$454,798.22 \$794,537.89
- Madison County: \$681,390.95 \$1,190,398.07
- Onondaga County: \$7,333,981.14 \$12,971,834.84\*\*\*
- Oswego County: \$1,302,514.58 \$2,275,508.42

#### Finger Lakes Region:

\$28,886,077.70 - \$52,744,110.35\*\*

- Genesee County: \$597,359.78 \$1,043,594.62
- Livingston County: \$570,600.77 \$996,846.31
- Monroe County: \$10,883,598.98 \$19,250,151.60\*\*\*
- Ontario County: \$1,101,147.15 \$1,923,717.13
- Orleans County: \$347,049.64 \$606,299.83
- Seneca County: \$325,185.88 \$568,103.59
- Wayne County: \$835,637.20 \$1,459,868.10
- Wyoming County: \$346,041.37 \$604,538.38
- Yates County: \$208,393.99 \$364,066.77

#### Southern Tier Total:

\$14,522,096.97 - \$26,516,410.21\*\*

- Broome County: \$2,345,856.68 \$4,098,239.44
- Chemung County: \$1,035,575.69 \$1,809,163.01
- Chenango County: \$434,152.12 \$758,468.91
- Delaware County: \$461,798.79 \$806,767.96
- Schuyler County: \$175,055.09 \$305,823.32
- Steuben County: \$955,885.44 \$1,669,943.21
- Tioga County: \$455,900.74 \$796,464.00
- Tompkins County: \$989,886.25 \$1,729,343.04

#### Mohawk Valley Total:

\$9,527,142.26 - \$17,395,945.81\*\*

- Fulton County: \$388,419.13 \$678,572.82
- Herkimer County: \$553,377.60 \$966,757.23
- Montgomery County: \$381,127.27 \$665,833.87
- Oneida County: \$2,376,168.34 \$4,151,194.28
- Otsego County: \$564,014.67 \$985,340.32
- Schoharie County: \$233,494.90 \$407,918.34

#### Western New York Total:

- \$40,955,315.42 \$74,781,758.10\*\*
- Allegany County: \$414,125.56 \$723,482.27
- Cattaraugus County: \$744,612.13 \$1,300,846.23
- Chautaugua County: \$1,439,743.06 \$2,515,248.20
- Erie County: \$16,215,434.58 \$28,680,730.88\*\*\*
- Niagara County: \$2,872,246.71 \$5,017,849.00

\*Does not include payments from Endo settlement.

\*\* In addition to sum total of counties, a regional share is also being allocated here. \*\*\* Not all funds going to the county. Also includes funds going directly to a major city within the county.

Separately, but related to her work on opioids, this past February, <u>Attorney General James co-led a coalition of</u> <u>nearly every attorney general in the nation in delivering</u> <u>more than \$573 million – more than \$32 million of which</u> <u>was earmarked for New York state – toward opioid treat-</u> <u>ment and abatement in an agreement and consent judg-</u> <u>ment with McKinsey & Company.</u> In the Office of the New York Attorney General, this matter was led by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy, Senior Advisor and Special Counsel M. Umair Khan, and former Counsel for Opioids and Impact Litigation David Nachman. The settlements were also brought about by the work led by Senior Enforcement Counsel John Oleske and Assistant Attorney General Monica Hanna, as well as Assistant Attorneys General Conor Duffy, Carol Hunt, Diane Johnston, Leo O'Toole, Jeremy Pfetsch, Noah Popp, Michael Reisman, Lois Saldana, and Louis Testa; Project Attorneys Wil Handley, Stephanie Torre, and Eve Woodin; Paralegal Ketty Dautruche; Legal Assistant David Payne; Director of Research and Analytics Jonathan Werberg; Data Scientist Gautam Sisodia; Data Analyst Anushua Choudhury; Information Technology Specialists Hewson Chen and Paige Podolny; and E-Discovery Document Review Specialist Kristin Petrella.

Illinois is the first U.S. state to pass a Cross-Cultural Bullying Mediation Act -SB 673- right as we enter Bullying Prevention Month (October).

nder this act, mediation with a bully/tormentor is required -- especially in incidents involving religion, race, ethnicity, or other categories identified in the Illinois Human Rights Act.

"We've known for years that bullying causes social/emotional harm to students. In fact, during the pandemic, cyber bullying incidents increased -- and 'normal' bullying rates are back to the same rates they were prior to the pandemic," says Maaria Mozafaar, the woman behind this monumental bill.

Maaria, a civil rights attorney by trade, spearheads projects and crafts legislation to improve how Illinois' diverse community is seen and treated.

Please let me know if you want to speak to Mozaffar about this bill and what it means for Illinois' growing diverse student body (At this time Illinois students are: 26.6%Hispanic, 16.6% African American and 5% Asian).

"Diversity is humanity's greatest asset. I will continue to push for more inclusive conversations and find ways to push back against policies not equipped to embrace these diversities," adds Mozaffar.

The Montreal Lawyer

# UN Chief Should Rescind Ban on Naming Antisemitic UNRWA Teachers

watchdog group today appealed to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to intervene after the UN Human Rights Council president on Friday cut off <u>a speech</u> for naming antisemitic teachers who work for UNRWA, the UN agency that runs schools for Palestinians.

In an unprecedented and controversial move, President Nazhat Shameem Khan cut off Hillel Neuer for what she said were unacceptable "personal attacks." She then ruled his statement "out of order."

Khan interrupted the Geneva-based human rights activist as he began to present examples from UN Watch's recent <u>report</u> that exposed over 100 antisemitic UNRWA teachers, a study that has already prompted <u>UNRWA investigations</u> — and, according to AI Jazeera, <u>suspensions</u>.

"I have noticed that in the course of this video, derogatory, insulting and inflammatory remarks have been made which in particular refer directly to specific individuals," said the council president, reading from prepared remarks.

"This amounts to personal attacks against those individuals and it is not acceptable in this forum. This statement is out of order," ruled Khan, who then gave the floor to the Palestinian Return Centre, a group linked to the Hamas terrorist organization.

UNHRC President Nazhat Shameem Khan, the Ambassador of Fiji in Geneva, cut off UN Watch's Hillel Neuer on Friday and ruled his statement "out of order."

#### Appeal to UN Chief Guterres

Neuer had <u>urged</u> Khan over the weekend to rescind her ruling and apologize, but there was no reply.

The incident was widely reported in Israel, including in <u>Ynet, i24News TV</u>, the <u>Jerusalem Post</u>, and <u>Makor Rishon</u>.

Today, Neuer appealed directly to the head of the United Nations:

"I am calling on Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to acknowledge:

<u>Click here</u> to see the footage of Khan cutting of Neuer.

1. That my perfectly legitimate quoting of antisemitic posts by UN teachers can in no way be characterized as 'derogatory, insulting and inflammatory remarks' nor as 'personal attacks.'

2. That the highest human rights body of the United Nations sends a dangerous message to the world when, without any basis, it summarily and arbitrarily blocks human rights activists from presenting a report on <u>systemic antisemitism</u> incited daily by the teachers of UNRWA, a UN agency.

3. That the United Nations believes in and will uphold freedom of speech as guaranteed under Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and that it will support the work of nongovernmental delegates in exposing and combating antisemitism."

#### Only Standing Agenda Item Targeting A Specific Country

The incident took place during the 48th session of the UNHRC, which opened on September 13 in Geneva and runs until October 8, under the council's infamous Agenda Item 7 on Israel — the only standing agenda item that targets a specific country.

Held three times a year, the debate routinely features Iran, Syria, North Korea and dozens of other non-democracies accusing Israel of numerous crimes and human rights violations, while making no mention of Hamas, Islamic Jihad, the Palestinian Authority or Iran.

## Vaccines and Reopen Borders Driving Tourism's Recovery



International tourism enjoyed signs of rebound in June and July 2021 as some destinations eased travel restrictions and the global vaccination rollout advanced in many parts of the world.

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# ROMANO says TRUMP, OBAMA & NETANYAHU committed WAR CRIMES

#### r. Frank Romano: Adds former US Presidents TRUMP & OBAMA to ICC complaint for WAR CRIMES vs. NETANYAHU, former Israeli prime minister

Paris, France. Sept. 6, 2021: Dr. Frank Romano, on August 29th, 2021, stated "I just filed an updated 130-page International Criminal Court (ICC) complaint. I think I am one of the FIRST lawyers to include former US Presidents Obama and Trump in an ICC complaint against Netanyahu, et al, for war crimes, etc., committed against Palestinians."

Romano reported that, "Obama was added to the complaint, because he aided and abetted Israel to commit war crimes, in particular, because three days after lamenting about the killing of many civilians by Israeli bombs in the massacre of Gazans in 2014, he approved supplying more weapons to Israel, allowing it to continue slaughtering Gazans."

He added, "Trump was added to the complaint because he also aided and abetted Israel to commit war crimes, in particular, in the midst of the massacre of unarmed Gazans during the 'Great Return March', by supplying arms to Israel allowing it to continue massacring Gazans."

Romano emphasized, "We must, in particular, end impunity by world leaders who send arms and give other assistance to countries that commit war crimes, such as crimes that Israelis have committed against Palestinians."

He declared, "Both Obama and Trump are thus guilty of war crimes as accomplices, in particular, to Netanyahu, in the commission of war crimes against Palestinians. By their conviction, a strong message must be sent to other leaders that they can no longer act with impunity by aiding leaders of other nations to commit war crimes."

He concluded that, "If they are convicted, they will be sentenced to a prison term in a country that has agreed to enforce ICC sentences."

Romano is an activist and author of Love and Terror in the Middle East, 5th Ed. It chronicles his experiences as a peace activist in the Holy Land for the last 15 years. The 5th edition includes a chapter on when he recently stood in front of an Israeli bulldozer preparing for the destruction of a Bed-





Benyamin Nétanyahou

Barack Obama

ouin village – Al Khan al Ahmar in the West Bank. He was promptly arrested, imprisoned in Jerusalem and eventually deported to France.

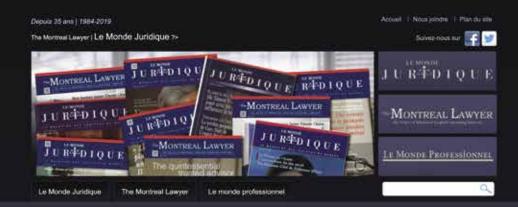
He is an expert speaker and writer on the subject of peace activism in Israel and Palestine, and the ICC. Romano obtained his Ph.D. Sorbonne University in international law, is a member of the California and French Bars, and is a retired law professor at the University of Paris, France.

Frank Romano in a Zoom PRESS BRIEFING interview, by "Foreign Press Association!" Interviewed by Ian Williams, President of the FPA, about the recent International Criminal Court (ICC) finding that it had jurisdiction over war crimes committed in Israel-Palestine. To view it <u>click here</u>.

Dr. Romano was the key speaker in an event about his activities as a lawyer for Palestine against Israeli war crimes before the ICC. To view it, please visit <u>Zoom Palestine: Frank</u> <u>Romano & the ICC</u> or <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=</u> <u>Jo6X7Um8hql&feature=youtu.be</u>. The presentation begins about one-fourth of the way into the recording.

For more information about Romano's legal brief submitted to the ICC on behalf of Palestine and his activist work, read the following article "<u>Solidarity and a sting: How one complaint to the ICC against Israel got off the ground</u>" by Joe Gill and Mustafa Abu Sneineh, Middle East Eye, March 21st, 2021, London, UK.

For more insight on the book, please view a recent book trailer of Love and Terror in the Middle East, 5th Ed. To view it, <u>click here</u>.



#### Les dernières actualités



5 octobre 2021 Pardon Joyce, pardon à votre famille pour ces gestes inhumains.

(NDLR)- Le Monde Juridique souhaite de tout coeur que la famille soit pleinement

indemnisée pour la perte de sa maman des sept enfants Dubé de Manouan. Le décès prématuré de cette femme dans des circonstances inhumaines alors qu'elle était hospitalisée et aurait dù recevoir des soins de santé aurquels elle avait pleinement droit comme otoyenne [...]

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#### 25 septembre 2021

#### China welcomes Huawei executive home, Trudeau hugs Canadians freed by Beijing

Huawei Chief Financial Officer Meng Wanzhou arrived in China on Saturday, ending her near three-year U.S. extraction fight, the same day two Canadians detained by Beijing for more than 1,000 days returned home, potentially paving the way for improved ties between China and the two western allies. Me here, the daughter of Huawei Technologies founder [...]

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#### 23 septembre 2021 **IFES Launches the Center** for Anti-Corruption and **Democratic Trust**

On the occasion of the International Day of Democracy, the International Foundation for Electoral Systems' (IFES) President and CEO Anthony Banbury today announced the launch of the IFES Center for Anti-Comption and Democratic Trust. Comption is a triple threat to democracies. It perpetual unjust systems of power; it sturits the ability of governments to deliver for all 1.1

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#### 2 septembre 2021

Attorney General James and DOI Commissioner Garnett Announce Indictment of Four Asbestos Investigators for Filing Fraudulent Inspection Reports

Defendants Filed Reports Claiming to Be Inspecting Residential and Commercial Siles While They Were Out of the State and Country, Jeopardizing New Yorkers' Health and Safety New York Attorney General Lettila James and view York City Department of Investigation (DOI) Commissioner Margaret Gamelt today announced the indictment of four Certified Asbestos Investigators (CAI) for repeatedly [...]

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