

## EDITORS' NOTE

This issue of *CJCA* contains our usual mix of updates, in-depth explorations, and features.

In the issue's lead article, Laurent Crépeau explores an underappreciated aspect of a perennially vexed issue: court reviews of arbitral jurisdiction. Standards of review hog the scholarly and judicial attention but, as Crépeau persuasively argues, the procedural rules regarding how such reviews should be conducted—what he calls formats of review—have an important impact as well. Crépeau situates the Canadian law and practices on formats of review within their doctrinal and comparative context.

At CanArbWeek in October, our co-founder and Executive Editor Hon. Barry Leon was presented with the Distinguished Service Award of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Canada Branch). Presenting the award, another *CJCA* co-founder and Executive Editor, Prof. Janet Walker CM, lauded Barry's many years of achievement and service to the Canadian arbitration community. In typical fashion, Barry used his acceptance speech not to revel in his own accomplishments, but rather to exhort the audience to increase its efforts to collaborate in building Canadian arbitration. In this issue of *CJCA*, we are proud to publish a lightly edited version of his acceptance speech as an essay.

Next, Bruce Reynolds, James Little & Nick Reynolds comment on the vexed *Aroma* decision in the Ontario Superior Court, one of the most controversial Canadian arbitration judgments of 2023. The case has already been appealed to the Court of Appeal for Ontario, but these comments remain worth reading.

This issue's content is rounded out by two regular features. The first is a review of key developments in Canadian arbitration case law in 2022, penned as always by Lisa Munro, doyenne of the *Arbitration Matters* blog, now joined by her Lerner LLP colleague Rebecca Shoom as co-author. Second, we

present the next in our series of interviews with leading Canadians in arbitration, a collaboration with the Young Canadian Arbitration Practitioners; this issue, we present the *CJCA/YCAP* interview of Kevin Nash, Registrar of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre.

Please consider submitting your own writing to *CJCA*, (see <https://cjca.queenslaw.ca/submission>) and do not hesitate to contact us with article ideas, feedback, or suggestions.

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