EDITORS' NOTE

Before introducing this issue's contents, I would like to announce two changes to *CJCA*'s masthead.

First, with this issue we bid a sad but fond farewell to Executive Editor Gerald W. Ghikas KC, a co-founder *CJCA* and a stalwart member of our senior editorial team. Gerry is justly renowned among the Canadian commercial arbitration community, and his contributions are legion. For us at *CJCA*, he brought so much to the creation and evolution of this journal: wisdom, experience, perspective, good humour, and two excellent examples of his many published writings: "Consent to Arbitration, Party Autonomy, and Non-Signatories: A Review of Procedural, Analytical, and Substantive Approaches under Canadian Laws" (2020) 1:2 Can J Comm Arb 1 and "The 'Tabula Rasa' Illusion: Procedural Norms and Procedural Flexibility in Commercial Arbitrations" (2023) 3:2 Can J Comm Arb 96.

Second, the senior editors are delighted to welcome our friend and newly-minted Assistant Professor at Queen's Law, Dr Stanley Nweke-Eze. Beginning with the next volume of *CJCA*, Stanley will join me as co-Managing Editor. Welcome, Stanley!

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

In the lead article, Bill Horton, Lisa Munro, and Emily McMurtry describe the new ADRIC Arbitration Rules: the process of their development, the innovative provisions within them, and the impact they are likely to have on arbitration in Canada.

Next, we present two short essays. The first, by Frank Wu, re-assesses the Court of Appeal for Ontario's landmark opinion in *Aroma*, two years after its issuance. One might think the decision had been discussed to death, but Wu finds a fresh angle that may prompts many readers to re-think their opinion of *Aroma*. The second, by Bill Horton, considers identical

provisions of the Alberta and Ontario *Arbitration Acts*, which have been interpreted by the two provinces' courts in divergent ways. Horten sees danger in the Alberta approach, and calls for legislative intervention to bring it into line with the national and international mainstream.

The issue continues with two case comments, one by Eric Myles on the BCCA's decision in *Bollhorn v Lakehouse Custom Homes* and the other by Zain Mookhi on the Saskatchewan Court of King's Bench's decision in *Gencore Properties v Kowbel*.

Next, Rebecca Shoom provides a year-in-review roundup of key developments in Canadian arbitration case law in 2024.

Finally, the issue is rounded out by reviews of two recent books by Canadian authors, which combine theoretical sensitivity with practical utility: *An Empirical Study of the Fair and Equitable Treatment Standard Clause: How Tribunals Have Examined the Relationship with the Minimum Standard*, by Patrick Dumberry, and *Joint Venture Disputes in the Energy and Natural Resource Sectors*, by A. Timothy Martin, John Gilbert, and Peter Roberts.

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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