

Speaker biographies

Ron Dembo

Ron Dembo is the Founder and CEO of Zerofootprint—an organization dedicated to a mass reduction in global environmental impact. Zerofootprint won Gold in the Climate Change category at the Canadian Environment Awards in 2008. Prior to that, Ron was the founder, CEO, and president of Algorithmics Incorporated. He also had a distinguished, ten-year academic career at Yale University, where he was cross-appointed between the Department of Computer Science and the School of Management. Dr. Dembo has published over 60 technical papers on finance and mathematical optimization, and holds a number of patents in computational finance.

Andrew Green

Andrew Green is an assistant professor with the University of Toronto's Faculty of Law and School of Public Policy and Governance. His current research interests center on the interaction between international trade rules and domestic climate change policies. Prior to joining the Faculty of Law, he practiced environmental law in Toronto. His practice encompassed both litigation (including prosecutions, administrative appeals, and civil actions) and transactional work. Professor Green was also a senior research fellow for Ontario's Panel on the Role of Government.

David Montgomery

W. David Montgomery is an internationally-recognized expert on economic issues associated with climate change policy, and his work on these topics has been published frequently in peer-reviewed journals. He was a principal lead author of the Second Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Working Group III, and over the past 20 years, he has authored a number of peer-reviewed publications on climate policy. Dr. Montgomery is also the author of recent studies on the design of California's policies to limit greenhouse gas emissions and on the economic impacts of US climate legislation.

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Please join us for a
climate change roundtable

Canada's Climate Agenda:
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Canada's Climate Agenda: What does it mean for business and government?

Climate policy is here. Canada may finalize mandatory emissions reduction targets for industry as early as this year, Europe has already established regulations, and the new US administration could soon introduce its own regulations to deal with climate change. These policies and regulations will affect the production costs of virtually all Canadian businesses; they will force firms to re-think their investment strategies; they will affect markets; they will affect the profitability of exports and competition from imports. Some businesses will find new opportunities while others will face new risks. For all, climate policy creates uncertainty but also creates an opportunity to innovate and lead change.

Join us on February 24 as we discuss the changing climate landscape in Canada and its economic and legal implications.

Event details

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

8:00am – 11:45am

Munk Centre, University of Toronto

Vivian and David Campbell Conference Facility

Who should attend?

Lawyers, financial executives, government regulators, and business leaders interested in the topic.

Registration: There is no fee for conference attendance. To register or receive information on how to attend via webinar, please contact Laura Crosby at lcrosby@crai.com by February 13. For questions, please call +1-416-413-4088.

Meeting agenda

8:00am – 8:30am

Breakfast and registration

8:30am – 8:45am

Opening remarks

8:45am – 9:30am

David Montgomery, Vice President,
Climate and Sustainability, CRA International

The economic impact of alternative climate change policies

Using CRA's computable general equilibrium (CGE) models, David will show how mandatory carbon reductions could affect Canadian business and the economy. He will also discuss how industry can best adapt to regulations and deal with the uncertainties around climate policy.

9:30am – 10:15am

Andrew Green, Professor, University of Toronto Faculty of Law and School of Public Policy and Governance

The relationship between climate change policy and international trade

Professor Green will discuss the relationship between international trade rules and domestic policies aimed at putting a price on carbon either through carbon taxes or emissions trading schemes.

10:15am – 10:30am

Break

10:30am – 11:15am

Ron Dembo, Founder and CEO of Zerofootprint

Enterprise carbon management

Ron will discuss efficient and effective carbon tax initiatives and how governments can help reduce the carbon emissions of individuals and businesses.

11:15am – 11:45am

Discussion and Q&A