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## INTRODUCTION

### COMPARATIVE TAX ASPECTS OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE IN THE CANADA/U.S. CONTEXT: THE TOTAL TAX BURDEN ON PEOPLE AND CORPORATIONS: U.S. VIS- À-VIS CANADA

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Our subject today is the Comparative Tax Aspects of Technological Change in the Canada/U.S. Context: The Total Tax Burden on People and Corporations; U.S. vis-à-vis Canada.

Our first speaker is a partner at the Washington law firm of Caplin & Drysdale. David Rosenbloom, graduated *summa cum laude* from Princeton University and *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School, a very distinguished academic record, and he has the unique distinction of having negotiated the first U.S.-Canada tax treaty. He was international tax counsel at that time. Since then, he has also appeared as an adjunct at a number of very prominent schools. We are happy to welcome him here today. He is a distinguished tax practitioner, and also a good personal friend.

David Burn is Vice President of Taxation for Nortel Networks. He is responsible for the company's worldwide taxation affairs. Incidentally, Nortel Networks is one of the largest companies in the world; it is certainly one of the largest in Canada. He is also Chair of the Alliance of Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters' Taxation Committee. He has served on various advisory committees, such as the Advisory Committee for the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and he has been President of the Tax Institute of Canada. He is a graduate of Queens University Development Program and speaks frequently for the Canadian Tax Foundation and various other tax programs.

