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*Dorinda Dallmeyer**

Thank you. It is always a pleasure to be here and I am particularly pleased to be asked to preside over this panel on the "Federal, State, and Provincial Interplay Regarding Cross-Border Environmental Protection." As we know, the cross-border effects of environmental pollution have been with us for an awfully long time.

We know that environmental pollution, whether it is in the atmosphere, in the waters, and also on land, ignores political boundaries, and it is often true that political boundaries pay very little attention to the boundaries of ecosystems.

We do have one great success story: The International Joint Commission, which has focused so clearly on Great Lakes water quality and other issues pertaining to the boundary waters.

Unfortunately, such success stories are limited. This issue of cross-bordering effect is bound to be with us for a long time, which is good news for the environmental lawyers and probably bad news for all of the trade lawyers who like their trade laws straight, no chaser.

It is a pleasure to have these speakers handed to us on a silver platter. They both have impressive records of practice, teaching and public service. We are looking forward to hearing from Mr. Elgie and then Mr. Knox.

Please join me in welcoming our speakers.

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