

# SAVE THE DATE and REGISTER NOW: NOVEMBER 8-9



On November 8-9, 2022, the [Vancouver Anti-Corruption Institute](#) (VACI) in partnership with the [Ombudsperson of British Columbia](#) will host a major conference on “*Whistleblowers and Public Integrity*” at the [JW Marriott Parq Hotel](#) in Vancouver. Chaired by the Right Honourable Kim Campbell, the conference is designed for public sector leaders; experts in transparency and anti-corruption; those in watchdog, ombuds and advocacy functions; journalists specializing in government integrity and accountability; and anyone whose work involves questions of public sector integrity and accountability. Our many confirmed speakers include the following:



*Right Honourable  
Kim Campbell, fmr.  
Prime Minister of  
Canada*



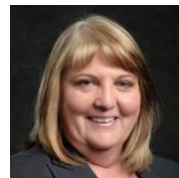
*Alexandra Wrage,  
President and  
Founder, TRACE*



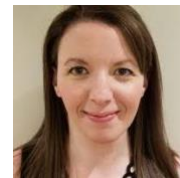
*Jay Chalke,  
BC Ombudsperson*



*Andre Moniz, OSC  
Office of the  
Whistleblower,  
Ontario*



*Deputy Minister  
Bobbi Sadler, Head  
of the BC Public  
Service*



*Professor Carroll  
Boydell, Kwantlen  
Polytechnic  
University*



*Dr. Meghan Van  
Portfliet,  
University College  
Cork, Ireland*



*Jennifer Khor,  
CLASBC and Can't  
Buy My Silence  
Campaign*



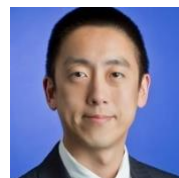
*D. Ross McGowan,  
Partner, Borden  
Ladner Gervais LLP*



*Jim Wasserstrom,  
US State Dept and  
Founder, Integrity  
Sanctuary*



*Charis Kamphuis,  
Univ. of Victoria  
Environmental Law  
Clinic*



*Marshal Wong,  
Senior Manager,  
Advisory Services,  
KPMG*



*Nolan Fuller,  
Attaché IRS Criminal  
Investigations, US  
Embassy, Ottawa*



*Chris Ewaniuk,  
Office of Alberta  
Public Interest  
Commissioner*

**[REGISTER NOW!](#)** Conference pricing is \$450 plus applicable taxes, including a light breakfast, lunch, and coffee on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, and a reception and dinner November 8<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact [vaciconference@gmail.com](mailto:vaciconference@gmail.com). A conference room rate of \$259 plus applicable taxes is available on registration – register now to secure your room at this rate.



*See you in Vancouver!*



## *Agenda Highlights*

**Tuesday, November 8th**

*~ Continental Breakfast ~*

### **Opening**

Welcome to the traditional unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh  
Opening remarks from the Right Honourable Kim Campbell, former Prime Minister of Canada,  
and Peter German, President of the Vancouver Anti-Corruption Institute

### **Keynote remarks: “The Whistleblower’s Dilemma”**

Alexandra Wrage, President and CEO, TRACE International

*~ Network Break ~*

### **Panel 1: Whistleblowing in the Canadian context**

Panelists will consider the factors behind the current wave of legislation in Canada, and what is distinct about whistleblowing versus other accountability systems, followed by a moderated question and discussion period.

*~ Lunch ~*

### **Panel 2: Case studies of whistleblowing in public bodies**

Panelists will take a close look at recent significant Canadian cases, focusing on the issues brought forward by whistleblowers, the institutional responses in each case, and the outcomes, followed by a moderated question and discussion period.

*~ Network Break ~*

### **Panel 3: Whistleblowing, personal experience, and outcomes**

Panelists will discuss retaliation, mental health, and other outcomes of whistleblowing for whistleblowers themselves, as well as the prospects of limiting the inappropriate use of non-disclosure agreements, followed by a moderated question and answer period.

*~ Reception ~*

*~ Dinner ~*

### **Dinner Remarks: “Founding of the Integrity Sanctuary”**

James Wasserstrom, Anti-Corruption Officer, US Embassy, Athens  
(*via* live link, with questions facilitated by Alexandra Wrage)

## **Wednesday, November 9th**

*~ Continental Breakfast ~*

### **Panel 4: BC and Canadian whistleblower law in context**

Panelists will discuss BC's Public Interest Disclosure Act in the Canadian context, and contrast legislative approaches to whistleblowing in the US, UK and European Union, followed by a moderated question and discussion period.

*~ Network Break ~*

### **Panel 5: Whistleblowing in the private sector**

Panelists will discuss whistleblowing in the natural resource sector, and incentive structures for whistleblowing, followed by a moderated question and discussion period.

*~ Lunch ~*

### **Panel 6: Finding the right response**

Panelists will consider the role of Designated Officers in public authorities' response to whistleblower reports, and the ethical, legal, and practical considerations of internal and outsourced investigations, followed by a moderated question and discussion period.

*~ Network Break ~*

### **Panel 7: Looking forward as whistleblowing law and practice evolves**

A roundtable panel will consider the key challenges and tensions regarding whistleblowing in British Columbia and Canada. Interventions from the floor will be encouraged, reflecting on lessons from our two days together.

### **Closing**

Remarks from the Honourable Murray Rankin, Attorney General of British Columbia [to be confirmed] will be followed by closing remarks of appreciation from the Right Honourable Kim Campbell and from Peter German.

*~ Conference adjourns at 4 pm ~*