

# Looking Back and Looking Forward at Canadian Private International Law

At the recent 40th Annual Workshop on Commercial and Consumer Law at the University of Toronto, three leading Canadian conflict of laws scholars - Vaughan Black of the Schulich School of Law, Joost Blom of the University of British Columbia and Janet Walker of Osgoode Hall Law School - presented a paper looking back at the last forty years in private international law and offering thoughts on what lies ahead. Each author picked out a particular theme: a judicial trend toward uniformity between provincial conflicts rules, the impact of *Morguard* on the structure of conflicts rules, and how the profile of the field has changed over time. The paper is not currently available on the web but will be published in an upcoming issue of the Canadian Business Law Journal.

The paper was supplemented at the Workshop by Genevieve Saumier of McGill University's oral comments on trends in Quebec's private international law. The session was chaired by Elizabeth Edinger of the University of British Columbia.