



## **International Finance Forum 2005**

### **Business Trusts and Similar Financing Structures**

Ilana Singer, Mark Opashinov, Michael Henry, and Maurizio Romano, along with a number of other young lawyers in Canada and internationally, are organizing, an exciting international conference. This conference is taking place from October 27 to 29, 2005 in Toronto, and is co-sponsored by both the Ontario Bar Association in Ontario, Canada and the American Bar Association (International Section of the Young Lawyers' Division). It will bring together a diverse group of young lawyers from around the world to meet and discuss issues relating to business trusts and similar financing structures.

#### **What is the purpose of the October 27-29, 2005 conference?**

The principal purpose of the conference is to bring together young lawyers from around the world to discuss issues relating to international finance, particularly in the area of business trusts and similar financing structures. The business trust has evolved, in both Canada and internationally, into a popular, and sometimes controversial, financing vehicle. We hope that this conference will expand the knowledge base for lawyers worldwide, about both business trusts and similar financing vehicles. Examples of similar financing vehicles in other jurisdictions are the master limited partnership in the U.S., and the real estate investment trust in the U.K.

#### **How can I become involved in the October 27-29 conference?**

- Participation/attendance at the conference,
- Contacting the Steering Committee (via Ilana Singer at 416-593-2388 or [isinger@osc.gov.on.ca](mailto:isinger@osc.gov.on.ca)) to assist with the organization of the conference itself and/or social aspects of the conference, and
- Spreading the word to other young lawyers that you believe would be interested in the conference.