



Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

Market-based Approaches to Competition Policy in Canada: An Assessment

Sheridan Scott
4:00-5:30 PM
Wednesday, May 29, 2013
Karsh Room, Rideau Club
99 Bank Street, 15th floor
Ottawa, Ontario

(please note that the Rideau Club dress code requires men to wear a jacket)

To attend, please RSVP by May 25, 2013 to andrew.sharpe@csls.ca.

For many years policy makers and government actors have favoured greater reliance on the market and competition principles, as embodied in the Competition Act. This has been true even in sectors that had previously been highly regulated, like the communications industry. Have Canadian competition policies produced the best results for Canadians? Is there an increasing or decreasing need for greater intervention, particularly in the communications industry?

In this seminar Sheridan Scott, a former Commissioner of Competition, will address the questions posed above. Drawing on her extensive experience in the competition field, she will provide her perspective on the competitive environment in which Canadian businesses operate and on the role of market-based approaches to the formulation of public policy in general, and competition policy in particular.

Sheridan Scott is Partner at the Ottawa office of Bennett Jones where she co-chairs the competition practice. Trained as a lawyer, from 2004 to 2009 she was Canada's Commissioner of Competition. Prior to this appointment, she was Chief Regulatory Officer of Bell Canada and held senior positions with the CBC and CRTC. She clerked under Chief Justice Bora Laskin at the Supreme Court of Canada. She holds an Honours BA from McGill University and a LLB from the University of Victoria.