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Guest of Honour and Lead Article

The Annual FinTech Issue of the *Banking & Finance Law Review* (BFLR) traditionally features a leading article by a prominent scholar in the field, who is the Guest of Honour for the special issue. We are pleased to announce that this year's leading article will be authored by **three eminent Guests of Honour**:

Prof. Douglas W. Arner
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Special Issue

The BFLR is pleased to announce the Call For Papers for its 4th Annual Issue on FinTech. The special issue will focus on the growth of Financial Technology, its regulation and impact on the financial industry in Canada and internationally. FinTech is construed broadly to encompass any technology used in relation to banking and finance activities, including innovations such as cryptocurrencies, blockchain, mobile and open banking, application programming interfaces, robo-advisors, machine learning and artificial intelligence.

For its 4th Annual FinTech Issue, the BFLR invites articles, recent development articles, case notes and comments, and book reviews centered around the regulation and impact of FinTech on the financial industry. We welcome academic and practitioner engagement across all areas of banking and finance law, including (but not limited to) commercial and investment banking, payments, central banking, structured finance, clearing and settlement, bankruptcy, insolvency and restructuring, secured transactions, securities regulation, and investment law. We invite papers on issues relating to FinTech, its regulation and impact on the financial industry, including the intersection of FinTech with various areas of financial regulation, such as:

- **Banking Law, Fiat Currency/Legal Tender, Central Banking** (*i.e.* deposits, impact of cryptocurrencies for fiat currencies, central bank digital currencies, and traditional central banking functions, such as quantitative easing)

- **Payments** (*i.e.* payments infrastructure modernization, cryptocurrencies as payment mechanisms for commercial transactions and international remittance, private digital currencies including Libra)
- **Blockchain Technology** (*i.e.* use in cryptocurrencies, operational infrastructure, securities and derivatives trading, clearing and settlement, potential applicability in other areas of finance)
- **Taxation** (*i.e.* taxation of income and transactions made in cryptocurrencies)
- **Securities Regulation** (*i.e.* securities tokenization, peer-to-peer lending, decentralized finance (defi) and staking services, crypto-asset trading platforms, crypto-asset custody, AI in securities trading including high frequency and algorithmic trading)
- **Investment Law** (*i.e.* robo-advisors, rounding apps, free/low-cost access to financial services, financial inclusion and democratized finance, FinTech in wealth management, and crypto-asset exchange traded products.
- **Financial Property** (*i.e.* treatment of cryptocurrencies in secured transactions, trusts, commercial transactions, bankruptcy, insolvencies and restructurings)
- **Anonymity, Privacy, and Secrecy** (*i.e.* ramifications of opacity, AI, machine learning and automation from a regulatory perspective, consumer data sovereignty and portability in banking and finance)
- **Open Finance** (*i.e.* open data access, portability and payments direction in banking and financial services, application programming interface (API) technology)
- **Funding Criminal and Terrorist Activities** (*i.e.* money laundering, terrorist finance)
- **Fintech and Systemic Risk** (*i.e.* big data / big tech in financial services, use of social media and alt-data in finance, model risk, fintech and consumer lending discrimination, correlated exposures, financial product instability, financial operating systems, digital finance platforms)

Papers focused on recent innovations as well as retrospective/historical approaches are welcomed.

Submissions

Manuscripts will be reviewed on a rolling basis with final submissions due by May 1, 2022. Submissions received after the deadline may be considered for publication in regular issues of the BFLR. Manuscripts should be submitted for the BFLR's exclusive consideration and will be subject to editorial and peer review. Manuscripts and queries may be emailed to bflrdbf@gmail.com

The length of submissions (inclusive of footnotes) are as follows:

- **Articles:** 10,000 to 12,000 words
- **Recent Development Articles:** 8,000 to 9,000 words
- **Case Notes and Comments:** 2,000 to 3,000 words
- **Book Reviews:** 1,500 to 3,000 words

Submissions must conform to the BFLR's Style Guidelines and be submitted in Word or Word-compatible formats. Submissions should include a brief 250- to 300-word abstract, 4-6 keywords and the author's affiliation.

The Journal

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