2011 PROPERTY RIGHTS CONFERENCE IN CHINA:
COMPARATIVE PROPERTY RIGHTS
Program Panels

Friday, October 14, 2011

Panel: Legal Protection of Property Rights: A Comparative Look

This panel examines the nature of property rights under global legal systems, including the systems, processes, or methods for determining and enforcing private property rights. Panelists will discuss how different systems define and protect property rights, especially land use rights and the land-use regulatory systems that govern them. The panel will also compare the role of lawyers in the field of private property rights under different legal systems.

Panel: Reflections on Important Property Rights Decisions

Comprised of winners of the Brigham-Kanner Prize as well as prominent practitioners, this panel will talk about some of Justice Sandra Day O’Connor’s property rights decisions. Discussion will include thoughts on how these decisions have influenced property rights and property scholarship.

Keynote Speaker and Luncheon

Panel: Property as an Instrument of Social Policy

This panel explores the role that property plays in promoting social policy. Among other topics, the panel will discuss areas where property has played or is playing a major role in shaping social policy, as well as issues raised by this role.

Saturday, October 15, 2011

Breakfast Roundtable: How Practitioners Shape the Law

This roundtable will be led by a justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia and three practitioners with extensive experience in property rights matters. The roundtable will explore the important role practitioners play in influencing, shaping, and changing property law. The practitioners
will discuss methods and strategies that are effective in shaping the law and will field questions from the attendees.

**Panel: Culture and Property**

This panel explores the impact of culture on property – on how property rights are defined, interpreted and protected or limited by different cultures. Among other topics, this panel will consider the impact of cultural attitudes and customs on how property is held, owned, used, or developed. It will also discuss how different cultures define values subject to property, including economic values affecting development and growth, personhood values tied to healthy self-development, and patrimonial values having historical importance or essential to community or group identity.

**Panel: Property as an Economic Institution**

This panel explores the role of property in promoting, driving, or shaping the economies of each country, including how property facilitates or hinders development and marketplace transactions.

**Panel: Property Rights and the Environment**

This panel considers the relationship between property rights and the environment. Among other topics, the panel will examine the extent to which the property law of each country incorporates principles that protect or exploit the environment, as well as ways environmental interests may unnecessarily impinge on property rights. The panel will discuss how the law is evolving in light of changes to the environment, including a comparison of how each country promotes sustainable land uses.

**Roundtable Discussion on the Future of Property Rights**

This panel will involve all recipients of the Brigham-Kanner Prize, as well as preeminent Chinese scholars chosen by Tsinghua University.