

## Kenneth N. Frankel



Ken Frankel has been President of the Canadian Council for the Americas (CCA) since 2014 and was its Chair from 2007-2014. For his efforts on behalf of the CCA and for leadership in other hemispheric public policy initiatives, Mr. Frankel was awarded The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal by the Governor General of Canada in 2013.

Mr. Frankel also maintains an active practice consulting with companies on a variety of international law, organizational and governmental relations issues.

Mr. Frankel was the Legal Advisor to the Secretary General and Director of the Department of Legal Services of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States from 2008-2013. He advised the General Secretariat and its committees and hemispheric offices, OAS political bodies, member missions, specialized Inter-American organizations (including the Inter-American Commission of Women) and special missions (including the OAS Electoral Observation Missions, the Mission to Support the Colombian Peace Process, the Honduran Truth Commission, and the Verification Mission that reversed the results of the Haitian presidential election in 2010/11, the Hemispheric Drug Study of 2013 mandated by the 2012 Summit of the Americas). Under his legal direction, the OAS enacted same sex couple benefits and paternity leave, and adopted a revised Code of Ethics.

Since 2014 Mr. Frankel has been a Visiting Professor of Law at Ghent University (Belgium), where he teaches an advanced course on international business negotiations. He has also been a Visiting/Adjunct Professor of Law at American University College of Law (Washington, DC), Western University (University of Western Ontario), (Canada), University of Pretoria (South Africa) and a UC Cork (Ireland).

Prior to joining the OAS in May, 2008, Mr. Frankel was Chair of the Latin American Practice Group at Torys (New York and Toronto), General Counsel at Alcatel Canada, Chief International Counsel at Alcatel España, Chief Counsel at Alcatel Polska, and Chief Counsel, Latin America (wireless) at Alcatel Germany. Mr. Frankel has managed commercial transactions and disputes in Latin America, North America, Europe and Asia, with particular expertise in acquisitions, strategic alliances, outsourcing, joint ventures, and consortium arrangements in infrastructure projects. He was admitted to practice in the US (several states) and Ontario.

Mr. Frankel served as a consultant to the World Bank on corporate and arbitration law reform in Bolivia and pro bono as the first program coordinator for the USAID/American Bar Association program on legal reform in Honduras and Guatemala.

Following law school, Mr. Frankel served as a law clerk for U.S. District Court Judge Eugene P. Spellman in Miami, Florida (USA).

Prior to attending law school, he worked in Mexico as a historian with John Womack (Harvard University) as a Reynolds Fellow, and in Mexico and Central America as a political writer as a Dartmouth Public Affairs Fellow.

Mr. Frankel received his A.B. *cum laude* and with High Distinction in Latin American Studies from Dartmouth College, and his JD from Northeastern University.

Mr. Frankel is a frequent commentator for written publications, and TV and radio stations throughout the hemisphere.

Mr. Frankel is a member of the Board of Directors of Global Americans, a US-based think tank.