

On May 20, 2009, the United States Branch sponsored a seminar on Comparative Labor and Employment Law. The conference was held in Chicago at Northwestern University School of Law. The conference was organized by Matt Finkin from the University of Illinois and the papers were later published in the Comparative Labor Law and Policy Journal.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration & Light Breakfast

### *Welcome and Review of Agenda*

9:00 a.m. Steven L. Willborn, University of Nebraska

### *Labor and Employment Law Developments in Asia*

9:05 – 9:15 a.m. *Introduction to Session*  
Theodore St. Antoine, University of Michigan

9:15 – 9:45 a.m. *The New ADR Legal Environment in China*  
Ronald C. Brown, University of Hawaii

9:45 – 10:15 a.m. *Mediation & Arbitration in Asia: Law & Practice*  
Arnold Zack, Arbitrator & Harvard University

10:15 – 10:30 a.m. *Discussion*

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. *Break*

11:00 – 11:30 a.m. *China's New Employment Contract Law*  
Hilary K. Josephs, Syracuse University

11:30 – 12:00 noon *China's Labor Landscape: The Union Role*  
Earl Brown, AFL-CIO

12:00 – 12:15 p.m. *Discussion*

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. *Lunch*

### *Industrial Action in Confederal Systems*

1:30 – 1:45 p.m. *Introduction to Session*  
Matthew Finkin, University of Illinois

1:45 – 2:15 p.m. *Viking and Laval*  
Frank Hendrickx, Catholic University, Belgium

2:15 – 2:45 p.m. *Canadian and United States Perspectives*  
Bernard Adell, Queens University  
Steven Willborn, University of Nebraska

2:45– 3:00 p.m. *Discussion*

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.      *Break*

***Labor and Employment Dispute Resolution in Latin America***

3:15 – 3:30 p.m.      *Introduction to Session*  
Andrea S. Christensen

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.      *Law & Developments in Brazil*  
Ana Gomes, Catholic University, Santos, Brazil and  
Mackenzie University, São Paulo, Brazil

4:00 – 4:30 p.m.      *Law & Developments in Mexico*  
Benjamin Davis, AFL-CIO, Mexico City

4:30 – 5:00 p.m.      *A Practitioner's Perspective from the U.S.*  
Thomas Wilson, Vinson & Elkins

5:00 – 5:30 p.m.      *Discussion*

## Speakers

Bernard Adell	Professor Emeritus at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario. He was Dean of the Faculty of Law at Queens from 1977-1982.
Earl Brown	Asia Regional Labor Law Counsel, American Center for International Labor Solidarity, Solidarity Center, AFL-CIO.
Ronald C. Brown	Professor of Law at the University of Hawaii. In 2004-2005, he was a Fulbright Distinguished Scholar in China at Peking University and Tsinghua University.
Benjamin Davis	Director of the AFL-CIO Solidarity office in Mexico City.
Matthew Finkin	Albert J. Harno and Edward W. Cleary Chair in Law at the University of Illinois. He is the General Editor of the <i>Comparative Labor Law and Policy Journal</i> .
Ana Gomes	Professor of Law at Catholic University in Santos, Brazil and at Mackenzie University in São Paulo, Brazil.
Frank Hendrickx	Professor of Law at Catholic University, Leuven, Belgium.
Hilary Josephs	Professor of Law and Dean's Distinguished Research Scholar of Asian Law at Syracuse University.
Theodore St. Antoine	James E. & Sarah A. Degan Professor Emeritus of Law at the University of Michigan. He is a former President of the National Academy of Arbitrators and was Dean of the Michigan Law School from 1971-1978
Steven Willborn	Dean and Schmoker Professor of Law at the University of Nebraska College of Law. He is the Chair of the U.S. Branch of the ISLSSL.
Thomas Wilson	Partner with Vinson & Elkins and Co-Head of the Employment Controversies and Labor Practice Group.
Arnold Zack	Arbitrator, mediator, and Lecturer at the Harvard Law School. He is a former President of the National Academy of Arbitrators.