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As part of our popular Lunch Talk series McLaughlin College Proudly Presents:

30 Years of Changes at the Immigration and Refugee Board

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Why was the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB) established in 1989 to replace the former Immigration Appeal Board? How has the process for refugee status determination changed since 1989? How have the grounds for obtaining refugee protection in Canada changed since then? This presentation will explore the legislative changes over the years that have attempted to make the refugee determination system fairer and more efficient. Among the changes: elimination of screening for “no credible basis”, single-member panels rather than two-member panels, pro-active decision-makers at the Refugee Protection Division, and an internal appeal to the Refugee Appeal Division. The regulatory body for immigration consultants has changed twice and is about to change again. The presentation will discuss the difference between a “Convention refugee” and a “person in need of protection” and will also discuss the difference between the Canada-U.S. Safe Third Country Agreement and the new restriction on referral of a refugee claim to the IRB if the claimant has previously made a refugee claim in the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, or New Zealand.

DAVID VINOKUR is currently General Counsel and Manager of the Law at the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada. He started his career in the federal public service as an Adjudicator, conducting quasi-judicial inquiries and detention reviews under the former *Immigration Act*. David has been integrally involved in numerous immigration and refugee legislative reform projects since the 1980s, including the establishment of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB). David is a graduate of Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, and is a member of the Law Society of Ontario.

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