The National Centre for Business Law, UBC and Fasken Martineau invite you to a public talk on:

The Essence of Responsive Regulation

with the Fasken Martineau Visiting Senior Scholar

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Welcome: Dean Mary Anne Bobinski, UBC Faculty of Law and William Westeringh, Managing Partner, Fasken Martineau, Vancouver

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5:00-6:00 p.m.

Four Seasons Hotel, Seasons Room

Please join us for a reception from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Regulation that is responsive to the moves regulated actors make, to industry context and to the environment seems a complex task. Yes, it is complex in the sense that being a parent regulating children, or a child regulating parents, is complex. Yet unsophisticated people can be successful parents and successful children by following some simple heuristics of family regulation. This presentation seeks to reduce the complexities of responsiveness to a dozen heuristics that state regulators, businesses and NGOs can apply in seeking to regulate one another more successfully. The ideas of pyramids of supports and pyramids of sanctions are at the heart of this project. The lecture argues that partnership with those one intends to regulate is possible in the process of designing regulatory pyramids. The paradox of responsive regulation is that by having a capability to escalate to tough enforcement, most regulation can be about collaborative capacity building. Most of the action can fall within a strengths-based pyramid, a pyramid of supports for business compliance and continuous improvement. The lecture concludes with some comments on how we can know that responsive regulation has worked.

John Braithwaite is an Australian Research Council Federation Fellow and Founder of RegNet (the Regulatory Institutions Network) at the Australian National University. He is embarking on a 20-year comparative project called Peacebuilding Compared, with Hilary Charlesworth, Valerie Braithwaite, and Kate Macfarlane. In the past he has worked on a variety of areas of business regulation and on the crime problem. His best known work is on the ideas of responsive regulation and restorative justice. John has been active in social movement politics around these and other ideas for 40 years in Australia and internationally. His most recent book is Regulatory Capitalism: How it works, ideas for making it work better (2008).

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