The Role of Fiduciary Law and Trust in the 21st Century: A Conference Inspired by the Work of Tamar Frankel

October 29, 2010
Barristers Hall
Boston University School of Law

About the Conference
Fiduciary law is designed to encourage people to rely on experts and other fiduciaries, to facilitate fair and efficient terms of those relationships, and to prevent (and provide remedies for) abuse of power entrusted to the fiduciary. This Conference highlights the nature and scope of fiduciary law, and its relationship to other legal doctrines and categories; considers how fiduciary law can be illuminated by viewing it through the lens of such disciplines as economics, psychology, history, political science and philosophy; investigates current debates about recognizing fiduciary duties in the determination of executive compensation, in the prohibition of insider trading under the federal securities laws, in the largely unregulated world of securities and mortgage broker-dealers and in modern capital structure and governance; and explores whether addressing and redressing abuse of power by public officials raises similar issues.

About Professor Tamar Frankel
Michaels Faculty Research Scholar and Professor of Law Tamar Frankel is an internationally renowned expert in the areas of financial system regulation, fiduciary law, and corporate governance, and has been a member of the BU School of Law faculty since 1968. She is the author of the forthcoming Fiduciary Law, to be published by Oxford University Press, and she has published a number of significant books, including: Trust and Honesty, America’s Business Culture at a Crossroad (also published by Oxford University Press, 2006); Securitization (2nd ed. 2006); Investment Management Regulation (3rd ed. 2005 with Clifford E. Kirsch); and The Regulation of Money Managers (2d ed. 2001) (with Ann Taylor Schwing). She has published more than 60 articles and book chapters, has been a visiting scholar at the Securities and Exchange Commission and at the Brookings Institution, and has taught and lectured at Oxford University, Tokyo University, Harvard Law School and Harvard Business School. A native of Israel, Professor Frankel served as an attorney in the legal department of the Israeli Air Force and an assistant attorney general for Israel’s Ministry of Justice.

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9:15 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
Welcome and Introduction
Dean Maureen O’Rourke, BU School of Law

9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.
I. The nature of fiduciary law and its relationship to other legal doctrines and categories
Rafael Chodos, Author and attorney
Deborah DeMott, Duke University School of Law
Alan Feld, BU School of Law
Kevin Outterson, BU School of Law
Larry Ribstein, University of Illinois College of Law

II. An interdisciplinary view of fiduciary law
Joshua Getzler, University of Oxford Faculty of Law
Richard Holton, MIT Department of Philosophy
Donald Langevoot, Georgetown University Law Center
David Seipp, BU School of Law
Robert Sitkoff, Harvard Law School

11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

III. Current issues in fiduciary law
Arthur Laby, Rutgers School of Law, Camden
Donna Nagy, Maurer School of Law, Indiana University
Frederick Tung, BU School of Law
Cheryl Wade, St. John’s University School of Law
David Walker, BU School of Law

12:30 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.
Lunch
Remarks by Tamar Frankel, BU School of Law

2:00 p.m.- 3:15 p.m.

IV. Public servants and private fiduciaries
Margaret Brinig, Notre Dame Law School
Gary Lawson, BU School of Law
Ethan Leib, UC Hastings College of the Law,
and David Ponet, UNICEF
Charles Whitehead, Cornell Law School

3:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.

V. Roundtable
Wendy Gordon, BU School of Law
Laurence Kotlikoff, BU Department of Economics
Andrew Pitts, Cravath, Swaine & Moore
Peter Rosenblum, Foley, Hoag
James Post, BU School of Management
Kenneth W. Simons, BU School of Law
Erik Sirri, Babson College Finance Division

All — including professors, attorneys, law students, graduate students, undergraduates, and members of the public — are welcome to attend. There is no registration fee, but if you plan to attend, please RSVP to Andrea Larsen Rice, alarsen@bu.edu. If you have academic questions about the program, please contact Professor Kenneth W. Simons, ksimons@bu.edu.