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Synopsis:

Ms. Palladino will draw upon her extensive experiences to discuss the challenges and successes faced by the Canadian central authority for mutual legal assistance and extradition. She will focus specifically on the realities of interfacing as a common law jurisdiction with civil law jurisdictions and the efforts made to address the challenges that arise.

A major impediment to cooperation between jurisdictions revolves around the format of the evidence and ensuring that it will be admissible in the requesting state. She will focus on specific examples of these challenges including: certification requirements; the type of questions that can be asked in witness interviews and who can participate in these interviews; obtaining testimony via videolink, etc. She will address the need for a flexible approach in the execution of requests and the importance for partners to be sensitive to the limitations which may result from the different legal requirements pursuant to foreign law.