Tomorrow, Todd Zywicki, Academic Affiliate at the International Center for Law and Economics and a Foundation Professor of Law at George Mason University School of Law, will speak on payment systems with particular concern to the Canadian context at a conference sponsored by the C.D. Howe Institute in Toronto. The conference is titled "The Canadian Payments System: Ensuring Competition, Innovation and Stability" and will feature Patricia Meredith, the Chair of the Task Force for the Payments System Review in Canada, and Steve Rauschenberger, President of Rauschenberger Partners LLC, among others.

As the organizers notes, "Getting [payment systems] right will be integral to building a competitive, functioning and efficient payment system, with important consequences for industry and the Canadian economy as a whole."

This conference comes on the heels of a <u>recently released paper</u> on the subject and is a continuation of the research he has been conducting for the International Center for Law and Economics' Financial Regulatory Program White Paper Series, including his previous paper "

<u>The Economics of Payment Card Interchange Fees and the Limits of Regulation</u>