

**ACAMS 3rd ANNUAL CANADIAN ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING & FINANCIAL CRIME
CONFERENCE TO ADDRESS NEW CHALLENGES OF GLOBAL COMPLIANCE**

Top Level Presentations to Include:

Guarding Against New Methods of Terrorist Financing
Overcoming Rapidly Evolving Sanctions Challenges
Protecting Financial Institutions from AML-Related Civil Liability

Miami, FL -- May 27, 2015 – The past 12 months have seen the rise of ISIS-funded terrorism and other threats originating from a variety of malicious sources all over the globe. Canadian Anti-Money Laundering (AML) professionals are facing new challenges dealing with terror at home, as well as ever-growing sanctions demands and the escalating need for domestic “politically exposed person” (PEP) identification. These and other challenges and updates in the AML sector will be addressed at the **ACAMS 3rd Annual Canadian AML & Financial Crime Conference**, taking place **June 8-9 at the Hyatt Regency Toronto**.

New for the 2015 conference will be an interactive solution-driven workshop on cross-border compliance issues for multi-national institutions. Also to be discussed, and back by compliance-professionals’ demand, will be a dynamic regulatory panel that will once again provide firsthand insight into emerging guidelines from the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC), the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), and the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI).

Attendees at the **2015 ACAMS AML & Financial Crime Conference** will take part in an in-depth **analysis of regulatory changes** involving Canadian institutions, receive interactive instruction on **Canadian vulnerabilities to terrorist financing**, obtain expert advice on **improving sanctions compliance**, gather insights on the **growing risks of civil damages and personal liability** and learn about the financial crime **risks of new alternative payment systems**.

“Last year we witnessed the surge of new world terrorist threats, with enough funds to infiltrate international financial markets disguised as trustworthy organizations. Canadian institutions are as vulnerable as any other to financial terrorism and this fact together with constantly changing AML regulations highlight the need for this type of conferences to take

place,” said **John J. Byrne**, executive vice president of ACAMS, the largest international organization dedicated to enhancing the knowledge and skills of AML and financial crime professionals. “Regardless of the major improvements that the compliance industry has taken working alongside with the public sector, financial professionals can never rest in the fight against domestic and overseas threats. This conference, with presentations by leading AML community representatives, is designed to bring to the table cutting-edge insight into new financial crime risks.”

Important Keynote Address & Program Task Force Presentations

ACAMS research has shown that Canadian bankers and AML professionals are not only interested in domestic experts but also in key international players when it comes to learning best practices about the latest AML trends. To address this need, the 2015 conference gives a voice to Canada-centric experts as well as highly regarded U.S. speakers.

Kicking off day one of the conference will be a keynote address from **Joe Oliver**, Minister of Finance, Department of Finance of Canada. Oliver has extensive experience in investment banking stemming from several senior positions at investment dealers and subsequently from serving as Executive Director of the Ontario Securities Commission and later the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Investment Dealers Association of Canada. The morning segment will conclude with a keynote address from **Nicholas Burbidge**, Senior Director of AML and Compliance Division at OSFI. Burbidge is well known to ACAMS audiences for his excellent leadership on banking governance and AML/CFT and years of experience in the AML community.

Also taking part in the conference will be **Linette Diseko**, Head, Global Sanctions and Anti-Bribery/Corruption Unit, TD Bank; **Bernard Gagné**, Deputy Chief Compliance Officer, Compliance Relations and Support, FINTRAC; **Rosalind Laruccia**, Associate Director, Operations Compliance, Bank of Montreal (BMO); **Christine Duhaime**, Barrister and Solicitor, Duhaime Law; and **Deborah Taub**, Platform AML Compliance Officer and Director, Personal and Commercial Banking, and Director, Global Economic Sanctions, Royal Bank of Canada (RBC).

The full **ACAMS 3rd Annual Canadian AML & Financial Crime Conference** schedule and registration information are available at www.acamscanada.org or by calling 1-305-373-0020.

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To download the conference brochure, click:

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