

**ACAMS FINANCIAL CRIME FORUM TO ADDRESS
LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE ISSUES AFFECTING CANADA
AND POTENTIAL IMPACT OF NEW GOVERNMENT**

Key Presentations:

**Ramifications of Bill C-31's New & Enhanced Politically Exposed Persons (PEPs)
Scrutiny Requirements;
Human Trafficking and the Compliance Challenges in Canada;
How the FIFA Money Laundering Scandal Impacts Canadian Institutions**

November 5, 2015 – Many compliance officers and anti-money laundering (AML) professionals expect Canada's new ruling party to take an aggressive stance against money laundering, terrorist financing and other financial crimes. Recent and impending legislative proposals regarding these and other issues as well as speculation on the Liberal Party's refining of these and future efforts will be among the topics addressed during the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS) [Financial Crime Conference](#), November 30 to December 1 at the Hyatt Regency Toronto.

The election could mean long-awaited revisions to compliance issues may be forthcoming, according to Jillian Friedman of Friedman Law in Montreal and a speaker at the conference.

"We are still waiting for draft regulations on the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) Terrorist Activities," she recently told ACAMS moneylaundering.com. "Now that Parliament will resume session, I expect that the Department of Finance will be able to proceed with its work on formulating the draft regulations and we will see some movement in that area."

Also relevant to the current financial crimes landscape will be a panel discussion on Canada's new Anti-Terrorism Act. The Act, also known as C-51, was a campaign issue during the election, with critics calling it a threat to privacy and advocates calling it a necessary tool for fighting terrorism. The panelists at the conference will offer detailed information on how C-51 may ultimately be shaped under the Liberal government and practical advice on how financial institutions can comply with the Act.

Also to be discussed, the unique challenges Canada faces trying to dramatically improve its response to the human trafficking crisis and how compliance functions at financial

institutions can detect and report human trafficking abuses. Additionally, a case study discussion will examine the FIFA scandal and illustrate how financial institutions can prevent becoming ensnared in similar bribery and corruption cases in the future.

“Canada has seen dramatic changes and advancements in anti-money laundering (AML) rules and regulations over the past year,” 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. “Our attendees will be able to share information with their peers and AML community leaders on the latest regulatory updates, policy pronouncements and international guidance.”

Leading the keynote presentations at the ACAMS Forum are two of Canada’s most noted experts in their related fields. **Howard Wetston**, Chair of the Ontario Securities Commission (OSC), a respected public servant and distinguished lawyer, jurist, regulator and executive. He is one of Canada’s most prominent leaders in administrative law and regulation with deep expertise in securities, energy, competition and other regulated industries. In addition to his duties as OSC Chair, Wetston is a Vice Chair of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO). Wetston will speak on Monday, November 30, at 8:40 a.m.

The second keynote will be delivered by **Kevin M. Stephenson**, Executive Secretary of the Egmont Group of Financial Intelligence Units Secretariat, a global network with 151 member jurisdictions. He manages the Secretariat and provides strategic support to the organization. Before joining the Egmont Group, he was a Senior Financial Sector Specialist, Financial Market Integrity Unit, for the World Bank, and was stationed in Washington D.C. Stephenson will speak on Tuesday, December 1, at 8:40 a.m.

Human trafficking survivor, author, speaker and social advocate, **Timea Nagy**, will provide a major presentation on the horrific problem with human trafficking on Monday, November 30, at 4:45 p.m. Nagy immigrated to Canada in 1998 from Budapest, Hungary, in the hopes of finding meaningful employment, but instead was held hostage at the hands of traffickers and forced to work in the sex industry. She bravely escaped and founded a non-profit organization to assist victims of human trafficking and support the work of law enforcement agencies. Between 2009 and 2015, her organization has helped over 300 victims and assisted more than 500 human trafficking-related investigations throughout Canada.

In addition to the keynoters and special speaker, other noteworthy participants include:

- **Nicolas Burbidge**, Senior Director of OSFI's AML and Compliance Division, Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada (OSFI)

- **Bernard Gagne**, Deputy Chief Compliance Officer, Compliance Relations and Support, FINTRAC
- **Lepa Jankovic**, Constable, Financial Crime Section, Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- **Meryl Lutsky**, Deputy Bureau Chief, Crime Proceeds Strike Force, Criminal Enforcement and Financial Crimes Bureau, New York State Attorney General's Office
- **Josée Nadeau**, Senior Chief, Financial Crimes-International, Financial Sector Policy Branch, Department of Finance
- **Christine Ring**, Director, AML Assessment Program, Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada (OSFI)
- **Kieran Beer**, ACAMS Moneylaundering.com's Editor-in-Chief

The full list of speakers, the conference schedule and registration information are available at www.acamscanada.org or by calling +1 305-373-0020.

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