

**OCT. 25–26 ACAMS 4TH ANNUAL CANADIAN AML & FINANCIAL CRIME CONFERENCE
TO ADDRESS NAVIGATING A DIFFICULT REGULATORY LANDSCAPE**

John Shoemaker, Superintendent of the Royal Canadian Mountain Police
Federal Policing Program, and attaché Melissa Ruiz from Homeland Security Investigations
to Present Keynote Addresses

MIAMI, Florida — October 11, 2016 — New rules issued by Canada's Department of Finance, compliance challenges created by innovations in financial technology and other anti-money laundering (AML) and terrorism finance related issues will be the focus of the ACAMS 4th Annual AML & Financial Crime Conference – Canada, October 25-26 at the Hilton Toronto.

The conference brings together Canadian regulators, compliance officers and law enforcement officials to address a wide-range of financial crime concerns, including human trafficking, real estate-based money laundering, and global cybersecurity.

The impact of amendments to the "Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act (PCMLTFA)" that create new protocols for customer due diligence and tracking domestic politically exposed persons (PEPs) will be among topics addressed at the conference.

"I'm excited about a number of the panels, including one on *Detecting and Preventing Real Estate-Based Money Laundering*," said Kieran Beer, CAMS, editor-in-chief at *ACAMS moneylaundering.com*. "The session will include a case study from *Globe and Mail* investigative journalist Kathy Tomlinson, who's written extensively on the loopholes and lax oversight that has led to a spike in foreign purchases of Vancouver real estate, all too often with funds from dubious sources. This is a burning topic in Canada right now and in addition to Tomlinson, we will have Christine Duhaime of Duhaime Law and Kim Marsh of IPSA also weigh in."

John Shoemaker, superintendent of the Royal Canadian Mountain Police federal policing program will provide the day one keynote address. Shoemaker is the officer-in-charge of "O" Division's (Ontario) Greater Toronto Area Financial Crime program, which is responsible for investigating large scale fraud, fraud against the federal government, currency

counterfeiting, capital markets fraud and the large scale laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Day two of the conference will open with a keynote address from attaché Melissa Ruiz from Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). Ruiz has operational and programmatic oversight over HSI activities within Canada from the US Embassy in Ottawa. In her 14 years at HSI, she has investigated and supervised a wide range of investigations of criminal activity, including human smuggling/trafficking, worksite enforcement, identity/benefit fraud, narcotics smuggling, money laundering, weapons smuggling, cybercrimes, commercial fraud, transnational gangs, counter-proliferation violations, intellectual property rights, and national security.

“This conference provides a wonderful opportunity for our Canadian AML community to meet and engage with their regulators and leading industry experts. We are proud to offer participants this access where you come away with contacts that can serve as resources after the conference,” said John Byrne, Esq., CAMS, executive vice president at ACAMS. “AML professionals are so generous with their time and willing to share best practices and different ideas on how to deal with the challenges facing Canada and the world.”

Featured speakers will include:

- Nicolas Burbidge, senior director of AML and Compliance, OSFI
- Bonnie Butlin, national coordinator and chair of the national council, Canadian Cybersecurity Alliance
- Peter Warrack, director of Risk Intelligence, AML Risk Intelligence Unit, Enterprise AML, BMO Financial Group
- Robert Steadman, vice president of Security and Compliance Consulting Services, Herjavec Group
- Bernard Gagne, deputy chief compliance officer, Compliance Relations and Support, FINTRAC

For a complete list of conference speakers, visit www.acamsconferences.org/canada/speakers/.

Top-level presentations will include:

- “Cybersecurity Summit: Analyzing Data Breach Risks and Remedies”
- “Applying Lessons Learned from the Public-Private Partnership Fighting Human Trafficking”
- “Assessing the Key Findings and Recommendations of the Canada Mutual Evaluation Report”
- “Mastering the New PCMLTFA Client Identification and Domestic PEP Requirements”
- “Tech Innovations that are Reshaping Compliance”

For more information and to download a full conference schedule, visit

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The ACAMS 4th Annual AML & Financial Crime Conference — Canada will take place at the Hilton Toronto, 145 Richmond St W, Toronto, ON M5H 2L2, Canada.

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