

## Publisher's Note

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## Meunier, Turmel, Giorno, and Hyndman Lobbying in Canada

Lobbying legislation significantly changes the way businesses and non-government organizations deal with federal, provincial and municipal (in the case of Quebec) government officials. This book provides a repository of lobbying laws in Canada with useful commentary and guidance on the practical aspects of their application. An individual's or an organization's obligations with respect to lobbying activities occurring in Canada must be considered in terms of not only the federal legislation but also the applicable provincial legislation, if the particular province has adopted such legislation.

This release contains updates to the commentary and legislation in Chapter 4 - British Columbia and updates to the legislation in Chapter 8 - Alberta.

### Release Highlights

- **British Columbia — Bill 54, Lobbyists Registration Amendment Act, 2018** — The *Lobbyists Registration Amendment Act, 2018* received Royal Assent in November 2018. Two sections are now in force but most amendments will come into force on a later date. The provisions that are now in force were intended to clarify that anyone who was

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formerly employed in a Minister's office, whether that Minister is still in office or not, is considered to be a former public office holder for the purposes of the *Lobbyists Registration Act*.

The wide-ranging provisions that will come into force on a future date will do the following:

- Change the title of the Act to the "*Lobbyists Transparency Act*";
- Create a new registry system to replace the existing return-filing system;
- Add a prohibition on gift-giving for lobbyists;
- Change the definitions of "designated filer", "former public office holder", "in-house lobbyist" and "lobby";
- Add definitions for "lobbying activity" and "relevant code of conduct";
- Set out conditions for when a person is not an in-house lobbyist;
- Give the registrar the power to administer monetary penalties and to prohibit lobbying by individuals who have contravened the Act;
- Provide a regulation-making power to prescribe when, to whom, and to which activities the Act applies.