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**LAW OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN CANADA**

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This text provides an in-depth description and analysis of the complex and ever-expanding array of domestic and international laws and initiatives addressing climate change in Canada. Containing comprehensive coverage of provincial and federal legislation and policy developments from across Canada, *The Law of Climate Change in Canada* also describes in detail some of the many emerging climate change law sub-disciplines, including: Carbon finance; Litigation; Real property; Tax and Securities law and disclosure.

This release features updates to the commentary in Chapters 6 (Alberta) and 9 (Ontario). It also includes updates to case digests and the Words & Phases section.

**Highlights:**

- **Municipal Clean Energy Improvements** - Bill 10 (Alberta), *An Act to Enable Clean Energy Improvements*, was enacted in 2018. It amends

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the *Municipal Government Act* by adding provisions to enable municipalities to fund property assessed clean energy programs. The Act authorizes municipalities to levy clean energy improvement taxes and gives them greater autonomy to finance energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. They will be able to pay clean energy improvement costs without this counting against municipal debt or debt service limits.

- **Constitutional Framework** - The constitutional aspects of environmental regulation and climate change mitigation have recently become a point of contention between the federal government and certain provinces, including Ontario. In 2018, the federal government passed the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act (Pollution Pricing Act)* to establish pricing mechanisms for a range of GHG emission sources. The *Pollution Pricing Act*, which includes a carbon levy and an output-based pricing system, would compel any province without a similar system to adopt the federal carbon pricing backstop. Saskatchewan was the first province to challenge the validity of the *Pollution Pricing Act* on the basis that it violates the federal separation of powers. Ontario has since joined in that challenge as an intervener, and also filed its own reference with the Ontario Court of Appeal to challenge the constitutionality of the *Pollution Pricing Act*.