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This loose-leaf service provides a comprehensive analysis of the most commonly encountered issues that arise in an international finance transaction and includes examples to illustrate how these issues are handled in various countries. Examples include structuring debt credit agreements, taking security in jurisdictions outside Canada, and understanding the specialized products designed to deal with issues that arise in the typical multi-jurisdiction finance transaction.

This release features the addition of new articles in the Supplementary Materials sections of Chapter 4 (Financial Products in International Finance) and Chapter 6 (Regulatory and Market Issues in International Finance).

Commentary Highlights

- **Chapter 4 — Financial Products in International Finance — Smart Contracts: Restoring Efficiency Within the Derivatives Market** — This new article explores how smart contract and distributed ledger technology can resolve issues within the derivatives market. The first section begins by providing an analysis of two systemic issues within the market, followed by an overview of smart contract and distributed ledger technologies. Lastly, reference is made to the ways in which this technology can address the two outlined problems within the market.

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- **Chapter 6 — Regulatory and Market Issues in International Finance — Blockchain Technology Use Cases in the Private Equity & Venture Capital Industry** — This article briefly outlines select publicly known use cases of blockchain technology that have been implemented into the operations of established players in the Private Equity and Venture Capital (PE&VC) industry. It also discusses some of blockchain’s potential impacts on PE&VC legal practice.