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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 lobbyisme 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 lobbyisme 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 features updates to the Appendix SLL: Selected Legal Literature, Appendix WPJ: Words and Phrases, and Appendix WPL: Legislatively Defined Terms.

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Release Highlights

- **Words and Phrases—Alberta—PUBLIC INTEREST IMMUNITY**
— [P]ublic interest immunity is not a “class immunity”. It does not just attach to a whole class of records such as “Cabinet documents”. In each case the justifications for preserving the confidentiality of Cabinet deliberations ... must be weighed against the competing public policy in favour of disclosure. The assertion by the Crown that a record should be protected by public interest immunity is not conclusive, because it is up to the court to determine whether the record should be disclosed. (Black Eagle Mining Corporation v. Alberta (2025), [2025] 2 W.W.R. 521, 78 Alta. L.R. (7th) 1, 2025 CarswellAlta 115, 2025 ABCA 22 (Alta. C.A.) at para. 11 Slatter, Pentelechuk and Ho JJ.A.)