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BUSINESS GUIDE TO ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

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Business Guide to Environmental Law addresses business liability regarding Canadian environmental law. It is designed to aid legal counsel as well as senior executives in dealing with legal situations regarding the environment. The topically organized presentation of issues includes environmental issues in real estate transactions, directors' and officers' liabilities, transportation of dangerous goods, extended producer liability, labelling, advertising, patents and trademarks.

What's New in this Update:

This release features updates to the legislation in the book. Additionally, there have been updates to Appendix WP—Words and Phrases.

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Highlights:

Appendix WP—Words and Phrases—Colourable Motive—. . . the effects [of legislation] may suggest a purpose other than that which is stated in the law; in such a case, the law is said to have a colourable motive. (*Biogénie Canada Inc. v. Canada (Agence d'inspection des aliments)* (2025), 68 C.E.L.R. (4th) 299, 2025 CarswellNat 3393, 2025 CAF 150, 2025 FCA 150, 2025 CarswellNat 3392 (F.C.A.) at para. 37 de Montigny C.J.).

Appendix WP—Words and Phrases—Double Aspect Doctrine—. . . concurrent application of both federal and provincial legislation. (*Canada (Attorney General) v. Responsible Plastic Use Coalition*, 2026 CarswellNat 230, 2026 CarswellNat 229, 2026 CAF 17, 2026 FCA 17 (F.C.A.) at para. 173 Rennie J.A.).

Appendix WP—Words and Phrases—Grappling—Grappling does not mean acceding. (*Canada (Attorney General) v. Responsible Plastic Use Coalition*, 2026 CarswellNat 230, 2026 CarswellNat 229, 2026 CAF 17, 2026 FCA 17 (F.C.A.) at para. 203 Rennie J.A.).

Appendix WP—Words and Phrases—. . . nitrous oxide (laughing gas) is a dental anesthetic. (*Canada (Attorney General) v. Responsible Plastic Use Coalition*, 2026 CarswellNat 230, 2026 CarswellNat 229, 2026 CAF 17, 2026 FCA 17 (F.C.A.) at para. 114 Rennie J.A.).