

New Canadian Trade Agreements: What Canadian Businesses Need to Know about the CUSMA and CPTPP

International Law Section



In-Person



Webcast

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Two new trade agreements signed at the end of 2018, the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA), and the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) will generate important questions for the practice of international trade law. Join us to get answers to your important questions on international trade law and how these two new Canadian trade agreements will impact Canadian businesses. Hear from our expert panelists, who were part of Canada's CUSMA negotiating team, to explore how these recent changes could impact your practice going forward. Learn how the CPTPP, an ambitious trade agreement, offers new opportunities for not only Canadian businesses, but also to legal advisors who must navigate various regulatory aspects of the CPTPP and this new agreement's relationship with other free trade agreements to which Canada is a signatory.

12:00 pm	Registration and Buffet Lunch
12:25 pm	Welcome and Opening Remarks
12:30 pm	<p>Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) Explore how these recent changes could impact your practice going forward, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unraveling the key changes to various chapters between the CUSMA and NAFTA • Exploring the timeline and factors that will impact the ratification and implementation of CUSMA, such as the 2018 U.S. Midterms • Understanding how the various chapters may impact your clients' needs • How to effectively prepare for new practice changes if and when the CUSMA is implemented <p>Susana May Yon Lee, Cassidy Levy Kent (Canada) LLP (Moderator) Yasmin Shaker, Deputy Director at Global Affairs Canada Marc McLaren-Caux, International Trade Lawyer, Cassidy Levy Kent LLP Jonathan O'Hara, Partner, McMillan LLP</p>
1:30 pm	<p>The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) Join our expert panel discussion, which will explore salient features and ramifications of the CPTPP, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How we ended up with the CPTPP and the big wins (and losses) for Canada • How the CPTPP fits into the world of multiplication of free trade agreements • CPTPP benefits for Canadian businesses doing business abroad <p>Margaret Kim, Associate, Bennett Jones LLP (Moderator) John Weekes, former chief negotiator of NAFTA and Canadian Ambassador to the World Trade Organization; Bennett Jones LLP Ted Bilyea, Past Chair and Special Advisor to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute Jay Allen, Executive Director, Trade Policy and Negotiations in Asia & Deputy Chief Negotiator, CPTPP, Global Affairs Canada</p>