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THE WORLD'S LONGEST UNDEFENDED BORDER: GATEWAY OR CHECKPOINT? THE POST-9/11 "SAFE AND SECURE" CANADA-UNITED STATES BORDER IN THE ERA OF GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS

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Joy Aldous is the Director of the Licensing, Export and Accounting Policy Division in the Admissibility Branch of the Canada Border Services Agency. She has over 30 years of experience in the agency and has contributed to many initiatives including Customs Self Assessment, ACROSS, Titan and the Customs Commercial System.

David Bradley joined OTA in 1985 and became its president in 1991. In 1997, he was given the added responsibility of Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Trucking Alliance. Before entering the trucking industry, David was a management consultant with one of the large global consulting firms based in Toronto and a financial markets analyst at a Canadian chartered bank. David completed his undergraduate work in economics at the University of Toronto and earned a master's degree in economics from Queen's University.

Cyndee Todgham Cherniak joined the International Trade Law Group, the Business Law Group and Tax Group as counsel in Lang Michener's Toronto office in October 2007. She is known for her expertise in the area of free trade agreements, regional trade agreements and preferential trading arrangements (collectively, PTAs). She appears before regulatory bodies and tribunals such as the Canadian International Trade Tribunal, and makes representations to the Canada Revenue Agency, the Canada Border Services Agency, the Export and Import Controls Bureau, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, the Department of Finance and the Ontario Ministry of Revenue.

Cyndee is the co-founder of Trade Lawyers Blog, Women Lawyers Blog and Canada Law Blog. Cyndee is a vice-chair of the American Bar Association, International Law Section customs and membership committees and the Diversity Task Force. She is past-chair of the ABA, Women's Interest Network, and a member of the organizing committee of the 2006 ABA Annual General Meeting. Cyndee is the chair of the Canadian Bar Association, National Commodity Tax, Customs and Trade Section, Customs Subcommittee.

Garland Chow is Associate Professor in the Operations and Logistics Division and Director of the Bureau of Intelligent Transportation Systems and Freight Security (BITSAFS) in the Sauder School of Business at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Chow actively teaches and writes in the fields of supply chain, business logistics and freight transport planning, management and policy. He is an internationally known authority on motor carrier transportation and author of over 200 articles and reports. Recent research includes: the role of Canadian firms in global supply chains, the relevance of Canada's labor standards to long distance truck drivers, modeling the supply chains utilizing the Asia Pacific gateway and the modeling of total logistics cost performance.

Since June 2005, he has been the director of BITSAFS. The Bureau has the mandate to encourage and conduct research on the use of intelligent transportation systems to enable secure, safe and efficient movement across borders. Dr. Chow's principle research within BITSAFS has been the modeling of the intermodal transport chain across all modes and the use of these models to simulate public policy and IT scenarios. Other BITSAFS projects include vehicle infrastructure integration, the intelligent gateway concept, smart corridors, and securing the marine container supply chain.

Jason Conley is the Senior Manager for Homeland Security policy for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world's largest business federation. As such, he is responsible for the organization's advocacy, policy, and outreach on issues including transportation security for all modes, supply chain management, and customs policy. Notably, Mr. Conley led the Chamber's successful lobbying campaign on recently-enacted SAFE Port Act of 2006, and Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act. Prior to joining the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Conley served as Vice President of National Strategies, a boutique public policy firm in Washington, DC. While with National Strategies, he provided Fortune 500 clients with strategic counsel and coalition management services on policy issues related to transportation, telecommunications, and public safety.

Prior to joining National Strategies, Mr. Conley served for three years as Director of Government Relations & Deputy General Counsel for the Intelligent Transportation Society of America. Mr. Conley directed federal government relations for the intelligent transportation industry. Mr. Conley led a broad coalition of public and private sector transportation stakeholders in a successful lobbying campaign to increase federal funding for intelligent transportation systems in the surface transportation legislation, known as SAFE TEA-LU. Earlier in his career, Jason practiced with the Washington, D.C. firm of Cooper, Carvin & Rosenthal, L.L.P. Jason graduated from The Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America. He also received a B.A. in Politics from Wake Forest University. He is an active member of both the District of Columbia Bar and the Virginia State Bar. He is also a member of the American Bar Association's Homeland Security Task Force and the Legal and Policy Committee of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Trade Support Network.

Hugh Conroy is a project manager at the Whatcom Council of Governments (WCOG), a U.S. metropolitan planning organization in Bellingham, Washington. For 11 years, his work has centered on the WCOG's leadership of the International Mobility and Trade Corridor Project (IMTC)—a binational and cross-border transportation planning coalition. Ongoing regional coordination and multi-agency project delivery through the IMTC Project have covered a variety of United States-Canada cross-border trade and travel issues. Public and private entities, working through the IMTC, continue to identify priorities for the regional border gateway, plan improvements, assemble project funding partnerships, and cooperatively oversee implementation of several initiatives. Over the last four years, Hugh has also been participating on the Canada-U.S. Transportation Border Working Group (TBWG), working on coordination of national programs and policies related to our countries' shared interests in cross-border transportation. Hugh received a master's degree in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University and his undergraduate degree from the University of California at Berkeley.

Warren Coons is the director of Integrated Border Enforcement Teams (IBETs), where the shared outcome will be enhanced border security coverage and improved international relationships along the shared border, as a result of focusing on improving information-sharing between Canadian and US law enforcement agencies and conducting intelligence-led investigations. Border-related investigations, based on intelligence from all IBET partners, will be more effective, rather than random enforcement activity. Law enforcement interoperability will improve with the development of a technically successful communications system linking multi-agencies that will facilitate joint operations, while addressing health and safety concerns for law enforcement officers along the 49th parallel.

Rear Admiral John E. Crowley, Jr. assumed his current position as the Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District on April 18, 2006. As the operational commander for the Great Lakes region, he leads over 7,700 regular, reserve, auxiliary and civilian men and women, two air stations, two air facilities, four sectors, one sector field office, four marine safety units, eleven cutters, forty-six small boat stations, and five aids to navigation teams. Under his direction, Coast Guard personnel provide maritime security over 6,500 miles of shoreline and 1,500 miles of international border and provide the world's premiere search and rescue, marine safety and environmental protection, maritime law enforcement, aids to navigation and icebreaking services to the region's citizens.

Most recently, Rear Admiral Crowley was the Judge Advocate General and the Chief Counsel of the U. S. Coast Guard. In this capacity he served as the Principal Legal Advisor to the Commandant and oversaw the administration of Military Justice in the Coast Guard. He served as the Secretary of Homeland Security's representative to the

Maritime Security Policy Coordinating Committee which was responsible for drafting the National Strategy for Maritime Security and its eight supporting plans. Prior to attending law school he was the Assistant to the Secretary of Transportation's representative to the Third United Nation's Conference on the Law of the Sea.

Stephen Flynn is the Jeane J. Kirkpatrick senior fellow for National Security Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. He is the author of the critically acclaimed *The Edge of Disaster: Rebuilding a Resilient Nation* (Random House, 2007), and the national bestseller, *America the Vulnerable* (Harper Collins 2004). At the Council, Dr. Flynn directs an ongoing private sector working group on homeland security. He was the Director and principal author for the task force report, *America: Still Unprepared - Still in Danger*, (2002) co-chaired by former Senators Gary Hart and Warren Rudman. Dr. Flynn is a Consulting Professor at the Center of International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University and a Senior Fellow at the Wharton School's Risk Management and Decision Processes Center at the University of Pennsylvania. Since 9/11 he has provided testimony on nineteen occasions on Capital Hill. He has served as the principal advisor to the bipartisan Congressional Port Security Caucus and is a member of the Marine Board of the National Research Council. He is a frequent media commentator and has appeared on *Meet the Press*, *60 Minutes*, *The News Hour with Jim Lehrer*, *The Today Show*, *Nightline*, *the Charlie Rose Show*, CNN and on National Public Radio. Three of his articles have been featured in the prestigious journal, *Foreign Affairs*. Excerpts of his books have been featured in *Time*, as the cover story for *U.S. News & World Report* and as the subject of two CNN documentaries.

From August 2000 to February 2001, Dr. Flynn served as the lead consultant on the homeland security issue to the U.S. Commission on National Security (Hart-Rudman Commission). He has served in the White House Military Office during the George H. W. Bush administration and as a director for Global Issues on the National Security Council staff during the Clinton administration.

A 1982 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Dr. Flynn served in the Coast Guard on active duty for 20 years, including two tours as commanding officer at sea, received several professional awards including the Legion of Merit, and retired at the rank of Commander. He received the M.A.L.D. and Ph.D. degrees in International Politics from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, in 1990 and 1991. He was a Guest Scholar in the Foreign Policy Studies Program at the Brookings Institution from 1991-92, and he was an Annenberg Scholar-in Residence at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Flynn is the principal for Stephen E. Flynn Associates LLC, where he provides independent advisory services on improving enterprise resiliency and transportation and logistics security. He also serves on the advisory board for the San Diego-based Crossflo Systems.

Thomas E. Garlock is the General Manager of the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission, the bi-national entity that owns, operates and maintains the Rainbow, Whirlpool Rapids and Lewiston-Queenston Bridges spanning the Niagara River between Canada and the United States. The Commission's crossings carry the second highest volume of traffic on the Canada-United States Border. Appointed as the fifth General Manager by the Commission in November of 2000, Mr. Garlock previously held positions in New York State Government and business. Mr. Garlock is a director and past president of the Public Border Operators Association (PBOA), a member of the Board, treasurer and past chairman of the Niagara Falls, Canada, Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Board of the Niagara Tourism & Convention Corporation and a member of the Board of WNED, Public Television, Buffalo-Toronto.

During Mr. Garlock's tenure, the Commission has completed more than \$110 million in capital improvements, introduced a state-of-the-art security/surveillance system and developed its own electronic toll system tied to NEXUS, the bi-national trusted traveler program. The Commission's operating budget is self supporting through toll, lease and investment income.

Garlock is a graduate of Empire State College of the State University of New York, with a degree in Government and Public Policy. He is a native of Lockport, New York, where he resides with his wife, Laurie, and daughter, Erin.

Praveen Goyal is Director of U.S. Government Relations for Research In Motion (RIM). Perhaps best known for its BlackBerry wireless handheld devices, RIM is a leading designer and manufacturer of innovative wireless solutions for the worldwide mobile communications market. At RIM, Praveen's responsibilities include developing and implementing policy strategies and representing RIM before federal and state policymakers. Praveen is a graduate of Yale College and Harvard Law School, and his career has included various positions serving as counsel within the Federal Communications Commission, U.S. Congress, and the telecommunications industry.

Dave Hamill focuses on international, customs trade policy and disputes, and export controls and sanctions issues. Dave has represented Fortune 500 companies whose imports and exports are regulated by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP). His experience includes assisting companies with customs audits, including focused assessments, importer self-assessments and NAFTA verifications. His client work covers the wide range of commercial enforcement laws and policies that DHS and CBP administer, which include the following: duty preference programs such as NAFTA; tariff classification; valuation; entry procedures; custom brokerage; country of origin marking; bind rulings; anti-terrorism and border protection (e.g. the Customs- Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT), the Bioterrorism Act (BTA) regulations, and the new advance manifest

requirements); export controls and sanctions; voluntary disclosures; seizures and forfeitures, fraud and strategic investigations; and civil and criminal penalties.

Before joining Arent Fox, Dave served from 1991-2000 as a senior counsel and attorney-advisor at the US Department of the Treasury. During his tenure at the Treasury Department, he served as the chief legal advisor to the US chair of the NAFTA Rules of Origin Working Group, where he represented the United States at the trilateral NAFTA Working Group meetings convened to monitor the implementation and administration of the NAFTA concerning rules of origin, country of origin marking, and custom administration. In addition, he served as a legal advisor to Treasury's Commercial Operations Advisory Committee of the Customs Service (COAC), where he worked to resolve various issues between the private sector representatives and the government. Dave also represented the Treasury Department at the Negotiating Group on Market Access meeting convened under the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA).

Dave has spoken at various industry and client conferences on customs and trade matters, and recently co-authored an article on C-TPAT for the *Canadian International Lawyer*. While attending law school at Georgetown University he served as associate editor for the *Tax Lawyer*.

Gary Clyde Hufbauer resumed his position as Reginald Jones Senior Fellow in 1998. Previously he was the Marcus Wallenberg Professor of International Financial Diplomacy at Georgetown University, and served in the U.S. Treasury Department from 1974 to 1980. Dr. Hufbauer holds an A.B. from Harvard College, a Ph.D. in Economics from King College at Cambridge University, and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center. His co-authored publications include *Economic Sanctions Reconsidered*, (third edition, 2007), *US Taxation of Foreign Income* (2007), *US-China Trade Disputes: Rising Tide, Rising Stakes* (2006), and *NAFTA Revisited: Achievements and Challenges* (2005).

Greg Kanargelidis is a Partner practicing in the International Trade Group and the Commodity Tax and Customs Group. His practice involves all areas of international trade, customs and commodity tax.

Greg's international trade law practice involves representing clients with respect to cross-border trade issues arising from the Canada – U.S. Free Trade Agreement, the North American Free Trade Agreement, the World Trade Organization and its various agreements, and other bilateral and regional trade agreements. He has considerable experience in representing Canadian and foreign clients in trade remedy matters, such as antidumping and subsidy investigations as well as advising clients on the consistency of existing or planned measures with international trade rules. In the area of customs law, he has extensive experience advising Canadian and foreign companies on such matters as tariff classification; customs valuation; rules of origin; export and import controls;

marking rules; seizures and ascertained forfeitures; administrative monetary penalties; and voluntary disclosures. Greg also assists clients with respect to planning, compliance and appeals involving commodity taxes such as the goods and services tax, the harmonized sales tax, the Quebec sales tax, the provincial sales tax, and commodity-specific excise taxes and excise duties.

Greg is a Contributing Editor to Federated Press' *Sales and Use Tax Journal*. He is a regular contributor to the International Law Office Newsletter on trade and customs matters, to Carswell's GST & Commodity Tax newsletter on customs and international trade topics, and to the Canadian Association of Importers and Exporters' TradeWeek. He has written for the International Trade Association's International Trade newsletter, Trademark World, the Licensing Journal, the Texas Transnational Law Quarterly and the Banking & Finance Law Review. He has lectured at Osgoode Hall Law School and has prepared papers for, and spoken at, several conferences on commodity tax related topics, including those organized by the Canadian Bar Association, the Ontario Bar Association, The Law Society of Upper Canada, the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants Commodity Tax Symposium, the Canadian Tax Foundation, INFONEX, Federated Press, the Strategy Institute and the Council for International Tax Education.

Valarie J. McCall, Chief of Government Affairs for Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson, was appointed to the RTA Board of Trustees in July 2006. Ms. McCall serves as the Administration's primary liaison to the state government and federal government, and monitors mayoral appointments to internal and external boards and commissions. Previously, Ms. McCall served as Cleveland City Council's youngest City Clerk, Clerk of Council, in the City's history. Sworn in to the office in May 2002, she streamlined the processing of legislation, installed an effective management team and reorganized the day-to-day operations of the office to maximize efficiency. As Clerk of Council, Ms. McCall was the chief administrative officer for the 21-member Cleveland City Council, and supervised a staff of 41. Prior to becoming the Clerk of Council, Ms. McCall served as the City of Cleveland's Director of the Empowerment Zone, where she was responsible for a \$200 million budget. She supervised the distribution of funds for job training and placement programs, as well as direct lending programs that assisted businesses in four targeted neighborhoods.

Sean O'Dell is currently the Executive Director of the Windsor Gateway Project with Transport Canada. Mr. O'Dell has more than 25 years of experience working with governments, international organizations and multi-national companies. In addition, he has considerable experience in developing broad strategic assessments and recommendations in a wide variety of financial, economic and policy areas. Over the past 25 years, Mr. O'Dell has occupied positions with the Government of Alberta Treasury in Edmonton, Alberta; in the Economics Department of the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario; with Natural Resources Canada in Ottawa; as Chief Economist of the

International Energy Agency (OECD) in Paris, France; and as a private consultant based in Paris, France and Toronto, Canada.

In 2003, Mr. O'Dell rejoined the Canadian federal government as Acting Director General, Policy and Economics in the Large Final Emitters Group at Natural Resources Canada. He has been with Transport Canada since 2005 and represents the Canadian federal government in the bi-national partnership with the United States to implement a 30-year transportation strategy addressing the various challenges at the Windsor-Detroit Gateway, including free and secure trade, security, environmental concerns and community impacts.

Kenneth Oplinger currently serves as the President/CEO of the Bellingham/Whatcom Chamber of Commerce & Industry, where he has been since October 2003. He has been leading Chambers of Commerce in the Western US for over sixteen years, ten of those years in California.

Ken is a graduate of Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, where he received a BA in Political Science and Spanish. Ken is also a graduate of the Institute for Organizational Management at UCLA. He is a Past President of SUPERCHEX, the Chamber Executives organization representing Northern California Chamber Executives, and served as the Chairman of the Board of WACE, the Western Association of Chamber Executives, in 2006. Ken is an Accredited Chamber Executive, having received his accreditation in February 2003 from WACE. Ken currently serves as the co-chair of the BESTT Coalition (Business for Economic Security, Tourism and Trade), a bi-national coalition of business and industry concerned about the affects of implementing the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) on the Canada/US Border. He also serves on the Planning Commission for the City of Blaine, WA.

As the President of the Bellingham/Whatcom Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Ken serves as the Chief Executive Officer for a Chamber with a membership of some 1000, representing almost 175,000 people across Whatcom County, Washington. The Bellingham/Whatcom Chamber of Commerce & Industry is the regional leader in creating a strong local economy, promoting the community, representing the interests of business with government, political action for the business community and providing networking opportunities.

Todd C. Owen is the Executive Director of the Cargo and Conveyance Security Office within U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Office of Field Operations. As the Executive Director for the Cargo and Conveyance Security (CCS) Office since May 2006, Mr. Owen is directly responsible for all cargo security programs and policies for CBP. Included within the CCS Office are the Container Security Initiative Office, the Secure Freight Initiative Office, the Non-Intrusive Inspection Technology Office (which includes radiation detection equipment and large scale imaging equipment, policies, and

programs), the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism Program (C-TPAT) Office, the national Canine Enforcement Program, the Cargo Verification Office which manages cargo enforcement policies and activities with the U.S. Coast Guard and the Transportation Security Administration, the Cargo Control Office which oversees trade security policies and programs including in-bound, manifest and carrier compliance programs, and the National Targeting Center for Cargo, located in Northern Virginia. Previously, Mr. Owen was the Director of the C-TPAT program.

As the Director of the C-TPAT Program from January 2005 through May 2006, Mr. Owen strengthened this industry partnership program by more clearly defining the security measures which must be adopted for a member to be eligible to receive the trade facilitation benefits afforded by CBP. Strong management controls were implemented and hiring was increased, allowing for a significant increase in the level of foreign site assessments performed worldwide under this program.

Mr. Owen began his career as an Import Specialist in Cleveland, Ohio in 1990, and transferred to Miami in 1992. Through his eight years in South Florida, Mr. Owen held various trade related positions within Field Operations and the Office of Strategic Trade, before being selected for the New Orleans Area Port Director position in 2000.

Mr. Owen, a career member of the Senior Executive Service, is a graduate of John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio, and was a senior executive fellow at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Mr. Owen also holds a Masters degree in Public Administration from St. Thomas University in Miami, Florida.

David Oxner is the Director of the Gateway Initiative for the Department of Transportation and Public Works and the Province. His executive portfolio includes the following senior assignments: Department of Transportation and Public Works; Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage; the Office of Economic Development; the former City of Dartmouth; Halifax Board of Trade; McCain Foods Transportation Group; and the Toronto Dominion Bank.

Susan Kohn Ross joined Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP as International Trade Counsel on January 1, 2008. Prior to that she was affiliated with Rodriguez O'Donnell Ross Gonzalez & Williams, P.C. having joined it in June 2002 as the Los Angeles resident partner. She was previously the founder of S.K. Ross & Assoc., P.C. She is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles and Southwestern University School of Law and has practiced for more than twenty years in the areas of Customs, international trade, transportation and import/export law. She is a co-founder of Trade Lawyers Log and Women Lawyers Blog. She is also the co-creator of C-TPAT Made Easy, Inc., an on-line application program which facilitates companies becoming members of the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism.

Paul Storer is Professor and Chair of the Economics Department at Western Washington University. He is a member of the board of directors of the Pacific Northwest Regional Economic Conference (PNREC) and served as editor of the Northwest Journal of Business and Economics from 2001 through 2005. Storer's research focuses on Canada-US business and economic relations and cross-border integration.

Among Storer's recent publications (both joint with Steven Globberman) are: "Canada-U.S. Integration Following NAFTA" (in *North American Economic and Financial Integration*, Elsevier, 2004) and *The Impacts of 9/11 on Canada-U.S. Trade* (University of Toronto Press, 2008). He has previously published in such journals as the Canadian Journal of Economics, Canadian Public Policy, the American Review of Canadian Studies, Contemporary Economic Policy, and the Journal of Banking and Finance. Storer is also a co-author on the 13th edition of the introductory economics textbook by Lipsey, Ragan, and Storer.

Storer has a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Western Ontario and BA and MA degrees in economics from the University of Toronto. Prior to joining Western Washington University, Storer was employed as an economist at the Bank of Canada and served on the faculty of the economics department of the Université du Québec à Montréal.

Paul Vandever has been the International Trade Attorney for Ford Motor Company since 2000. In this position he has been responsible for a wide variety of international trade and Customs related matters for Ford around the world, including managing a Customs audit in Norway, structuring duty-efficient transactions in South Africa, appearing before the WTO Committee on Non-Preferential Rules of Origin on behalf of the US automotive industry, managing Ford's participation as an industrial consumer in the Hot-Rolled and Corrosion Resistant Steel Sunset Reviews before the US International Trade Commission, as well as managing Ford's defense in an US Customs penalty case involving recordkeeping. Prior to joining Ford, Paul was International Trade Counsel at Delphi Automotive Systems Corp from Delphi's spin-off from General Motors in 1999, and prior to that, he was an attorney with General Motors, also responsible for global international trade and Customs matters from 1994. Paul began his career as an international trade and Customs lawyer in 1987 with the law firm of Soller, Shayne and Horn in New York City.

Paul earned an A.B. in Comparative Literature at Columbia University (1981) and a J.D. from Case Western Reserve University Law School (1987). He has been admitted to practice in the states of Ohio (1987), Connecticut (1989), New York (1991) and Michigan (2000). In addition, he is a member of the bars of U.S. Court of International Trade, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and the federal district courts of the Northern District of Ohio, the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the Eastern District of Michigan. Paul is a member of the Customs Committee and International Law Section of the American Bar Association, the International Law

Section of the Michigan State Bar Association, and the Court of International Trade Bar Association (CITBA).

Paul has written several articles on international trade and customs issues, including a comment for the Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law entitled " The Uruguay Round and the World Trade Organization: A New Era Dawns in The Private Law of International Customs And Trade" (Winter 1999) and has spoken at numerous conferences and workshops on various aspects of Customs law. Paul is currently a member of the Legal/Policy Committee of the Trade Support Network, which is working with the U.S. Customs Service to develop and implement the Automated Customs Environment (ACE). Paul has completed the Customs Valuation & Transfer Pricing Workshops, sponsored by the World Customs Organization in Brussels.

Ambassador Michael Wilson assumed his responsibilities as Ambassador on March 13, 2006, becoming the 22nd representative of Canada to the United States. Prior to taking up his current position in Washington, Ambassador Wilson was Chairman of UBS Canada, an operating division of UBS AG, one of the world's leading financial institutions where he oversaw all UBS operations in Canada, which included the Investment Bank, pension fund management, and Wealth Management businesses. Prior to joining UBS in July 2001, Ambassador Wilson was responsible for RBC Financial Group's institutional asset management business. He also served as a Vice Chairman of RBC Dominion Securities, responsible for senior client relationships and advice to both Canadian and international companies and governments.

In 1979, Ambassador Wilson was elected to the House of Commons. In September 1984 he was appointed Minister of Finance and remained in that position until May 1991. He then became Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade. During his tenure as a member of the Cabinet, Ambassador Wilson represented Canada at the IMF, IBRD, OECD, GATT and the G-7 Ministers meetings.

