

ABOUT VACI'S 2025 CONFERENCE

Chaired by the Right Honourable Kim Campbell, former Prime Minister of Canada, the Asset Forfeiture 2025 Conference will focus on the key issues associated to asset forfeiture as a tool to target wealth acquired unlawfully.

Why Asset Forfeiture?

- Asset forfeiture has taken on increased significance as a result of the impending 2025-26 examination of Canada by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), and the inclusion of civil forfeiture in the FATF Recommendations.
- British Columbia is at the leading edge of developments in civil forfeiture and uses the tool widely. Other provinces are also engaged, while still others do not have civil forfeiture legislation.
- In Ontario and other provinces, criminal forfeiture remains common.
- In British Columbia and Manitoba, the adoption of Unidentified Wealth Orders (UWOs), is pushing the boundaries of civil forfeiture.
- In the civil law context, lawyers are increasingly pursuing illegally acquired assets.

This Conference is designed for a national and international attendance of police, prosecutors, asset managers, civil forfeiture practitioners, the criminal and civil bars, academics and others.