

## Bios – Imports

### ***Adams, Jamie***

Eminent, a Philadelphia-based company, provides Oracle Transportation Management and Global Trade Management solution implementation and accompanying managed services. Jamie has over 15 years experience in Senior Management at several multi-national importer/exporters, namely: Comtech EF Data, Dell, Hewlett-Packard and Cameron Corporation. In addition to drafting regulatory policies and procedures and managing day-to-day trade operations, Jamie was heavily engaged in various trade automation projects as a leader in the business and also in IT. A Licensed Customs Broker he also taught international business and brokerage exam prep courses at Austin Community College. Jamie has a BA in Art History from Arizona State University and an MBA in International Business from Western International University. He now lives and works in suburban Houston, Texas with his wife and two young children. He enjoys drawing, painting, and singing with his church children's choir.

### ***Burns, Paul***

### ***Chamberlain, Angela***

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Ms. Chamberlain is responsible for the Global Trade Content Team at Integration Point. This team manages complex regulatory knowledge for over 200 countries, and it is this data that powers all Integration Point solutions. Throughout her career at Integration Point, Ms. Chamberlain has worked in various areas of software including designing, developing and implementing solutions that are being used by companies on a global platform. Ms. Chamberlain is a graduate of Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering.

### ***Dafoe, Susan***

Susan Dafoe is a Canadian Certified Customs Specialist employed by Cole International Inc.. She is responsible for business development, engagement performance, and educating in-house staff and clients. Susan is a passionate Customs Consultant who enjoys educating clients and staff alike, on the various aspects of importing into Canada.

Susan has written articles on Customs Compliance for distribution to clients and general public. Susan has been working diligently to assist clients with: understanding the complex import and export laws and regulations; assisting clients with CBSA verification audits; understanding NAFTA rules of origin; risks and opportunities involving valuation; duty recovery.

Susan's successes include: turning a duty assessment into a refund opportunity; Minister Appeals; Canadian International Trade Tribunal win.

During Susan's long tenure she has successfully recovered millions of dollars where clients initially overpaid duty. Her clients include: construction/mining companies, plastic card manufacturer, automotive suppliers and manufacturers, NRI pet products wholesaler, large retailers, sporting goods suppliers, to name a few.

Susan's many accomplishments are the result of honing her expertise as they relate to tariff analysis, end-use tariff provisions, lowered value base, and Free Trade Agreements.

### ***Gaspardy, Attila***

Attila Gaspardy is a Senior Manager in the Indirect Tax Group of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and is based downtown Toronto. He transferred to PwC Canada from PwC Hungary in 2004. He provides advice, interpretation and technical solutions to both residents and non-residents on Goods and Services Tax/Harmonized Sales Tax (GST/HST), Quebec Sales Tax (QST), provincial retail sales tax (PST), Value Added Tax (VAT) and other commodity tax matters. He is member of PwC's Pathfinder™ team that provides Canadian businesses expanding into foreign markets (outbound) or foreign businesses expanding into the Canadian market (inbound) with a one-stop access to a multi-disciplinary team of professionals. He conducts reviews of indirect tax compliance, and also assists in audit preparation and with the appeals process. He provides indirect tax due diligence support with respect to corporate reorganizations and business acquisitions.

Attila presented at the 2012 and 2014 Chartered Professional Accountants Commodity Tax Symposiums. He assisted the lawmakers in the preparation of a new EU-harmonized VAT legislation in Hungary in 2004 and delivered a number of client training sessions and presentations in Hungary and within the PwC network in Central Europe on VAT issues related to Hungary's EU accession.

### ***Horwitz, Jessica***

Jessica Horwitz is an international trade, customs and regulatory lawyer. She advises Canadian and international clients on a broad range of trade and investment matters, including import/export compliance, customs audits, trade remedy inquiries, WTO law, bilateral and regional free trade agreements, anti-corruption compliance, controlled goods and technology, economic sanctions, product regulation and labelling, corporate social responsibility and other cross-border issues.

Jessica represents clients in trade verifications by the Canada Border Services Agency, trade remedy and appeal proceedings before the Canadian International Trade Tribunal and the Federal Court of Appeal, and regulatory investigations by the RCMP, the CBSA, Global Affairs Canada and foreign law enforcement agencies. She conducts internal investigations into potential trade and investment violations and assists businesses in designing and implementing anti-corruption controls and import/export compliance programs.

Prior to joining the firm, Jessica summered and articulated at another full-service Canadian law firm where she focused on commercial regulation and foreign investment law. She has previous experience in international policy analysis at a Washington, D.C., think-tank where she covered trade and economic issues in the Americas.

Jessica is proficient in French and Spanish.

### ***Rasmussen, Kerry***

Kerry has been working in the Canadian Customs Brokerage industry for almost 24 years. She began in an operations capacity and moved into both sales and consulting roles. Her specialty for the past 16 years has been working with Non-Resident Importers into Canada.

Kerry is very familiar with Canadian distribution programs and has assisted many retailers and wholesalers to find ways to cut costs, decrease transit times and take away the pain of getting their product to market in Canada.

Ms. Rasmussen is also very familiar with the tax structure in Canada and the impacts, both positive and negative.

Kerry is currently a Manager of Major Accounts for Farrow, the largest independent customs brokerage firm in North America. Farrow also offers integrated logistics and international freight forwarding services as well as complex Customs Consulting services in Canada and the United States. Kerry is based in

Calgary, Alberta.

***Tannous, Laurie***

Laurie Tannous is a requested speaker at many trade and industry forums globally. Ms. Tannous has significant hands on experience assisting small, medium and large multinational corporations, foreign governments and industry associations with their border security, business immigration, trade and regulatory compliance matters.

She presently holds several concurrent strategic positions including:

- Vice President Government & Industry Relations at Farrow - Canada's largest independently owned customs broker Farrow is a billion dollar organization handling over one million transactions each year.
- Senior Advisor/Michigan Liaison Windsor Detroit Bridge Authority
- Special Advisor on Human Trafficking University of Windsor's Cross Border Institute dedicated to research, education and public outreach related to the movement of people, goods and services across the Canada-US border.
- Senior Canadian Attorney of the Kitch Immigration Practice Law Group

Ms. Tannous worked for seven years for the Canada Border Services Agency as a Customs and Immigration Officer bringing an in-depth experience to her understanding of immigration and customs laws and regulations.

***Tuttle, George***

George Tuttle, III, is an attorney with the law firm of George R Tuttle Law Offices in San Francisco. He has been in practice for over 30 years. George's practice emphasis is on Customs, international trade regulation, and export compliance. He assists companies with compliance audits and how to develop effective compliance programs; determine correct customs duties, values, tariff classifications, and duty preference eligibility; obtain rulings, file protests; and resolve penalty, seizure and enforcement cases.

Mr. Tuttle has been a contributing author for the American Bar Association's Section on International Law for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 Year in Review, which summarizes important developments in customs law for the year. He is also a contributing author for the ABA/Section on International Law publication: U.S. Customs: A Practitioner's Guide to Principles, Processes, and Procedures, 2nd Ed (2016), Chapter 2 (Clearing Customs: importation, entry, and liquidation) and Chapter 9 (Customs Audits); and the publication: United States Export Controls, 7th Ed., (Law Journal Press), Chapter 11, Foreign Trade Regulations and the Automated Export System (AES).

Additional information about Mr. Tuttle can be found at [www.tuttlelaw.com](http://www.tuttlelaw.com) .