

# New Book on Court Jurisdiction and Proceedings Transfer Act

Thomson Reuters Carswell has just published *Statutory Jurisdiction: An Analysis of the Court Jurisdiction and Proceedings Transfer Act* by Vaughan Black, Stephen G.A. Pitel and Michael Sobkin. More information is available [here](#).

The *Court Jurisdiction and Proceedings Transfer Act* puts the important topic of the jurisdiction of Canadian provincial courts in civil and commercial cases on a clearer statutory footing. It is in force in British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia. The approach to jurisdiction adopted under the CJPTA is different in several respects from the common law approach, and so provinces that have adopted it are undergoing a period of transition. One of the key issues for courts in applying the CJPTA is interpreting its provisions and explaining how they operate. *Statutory Jurisdiction: An Analysis of the Court Jurisdiction and Proceedings Transfer Act* examines the growing body of cases and provides a comprehensive account of how the CJPTA is being interpreted and applied by the courts.

The Supreme Court of Canada has, in its April 2012 decisions on jurisdiction, indicated a willingness to develop the common law in a way that is highly mindful of the approach taken under the CJPTA. As a result, the analysis of the CJPTA will also be of use to those in Canadian common law provinces and territories that have not enacted the CJPTA.

The book may also appeal as a comparative law resource on conflict of laws, especially to those interested in how traditional rules can be affected, directly and indirectly, by statutory reform.