

## **BIO – SUZANNE SABOURIN**

Suzanne Sabourin is Director, Legal and Regulatory Affairs for the Canadian Meat Council where she helps members navigate the complex world of food laws and regulations on the domestic and international fronts. Suzanne has over 20 years of government and business experience in public policy development. While in the telecommunications industry, she worked extensively on international trade issues during negotiations leading to the Canada-US Free-Trade Agreement, the North American Free-Trade Agreement and the GATT 1994 Agreement. Suzanne worked at Global Affairs Canada under the federal government's Executive Interchange program to promote the exports of Canadian service industries. When joining the Canadian Meat Council, Suzanne played a key leadership role in the CETA and TPP negotiations. She sat as volunteer Director on the Board of the Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance. She was a member of the governmentindustry working group that steered the WTO Country of Origin Labelling (COOL) dispute to a successful outcome for Canada. Suzanne also acted as Director of Corporation Relations for Canada's public broadcaster – CBC/Radio-Canada – and Executive Director of Government Relations for the Insurance Bureau of Canada. Suzanne has a Master's Degree in International Affairs and a LL.B. in Common Law from the University of Ottawa.