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Unexplained Wealth Orders (UWOs) are becoming a popular tool for many countries around the world in the fight against money laundering and organized crime. In March 2023, British Columbia became the first province in Canada to introduce UWOs under the *British Columbia Civil Forfeiture Act*. Manitoba is currently considering following British Columbia's lead.

The tool allows governments to force individuals tied to crime or money laundering to explain how they obtained specified assets. Assets that cannot be shown to be legitimately obtained may be forfeited. UWOs require the cooperation of a wide variety of organizations, including financial institutions, law enforcement, and government agencies, to operate effectively.

This webinar explains UWOs in detail, provides overviews of the cases currently before the courts that are utilizing the tool, and describes ways in which information may be requested when UWOs are issued.

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Katelyn MacKellen has a law degree from the University of Toronto School of Law and is a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist. Katelyn is the former Director with the British Columbia Civil Forfeiture Office and specializes in asset forfeiture. She is extremely passionate about the use of asset forfeiture to combat money laundering. With over 12 years of experience with the British Columbia Public Service, Katelyn was responsible for the implementation of the BC Community Safety Unit, a compliance and enforcement unit which successfully shut down the majority of illegal retail cannabis stores in the province. She is currently a private consultant working in crypto investigation and asset recovery and is available for assignments and speaking engagements.

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