ABORIGINAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW: Navigating the New World of Impact Assessments

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The control and maintenance of land, water and other natural resources are of the highest importance to First Nations and the provincial and federal governments. In these contexts, nation to nation consultation and cooperation are necessary in order to balance protection of the environment and Indigenous rights with proposed developments. Ongoing legislative and regulatory reforms in this area are changing the way governments engage in consultation, and the way project proponents and First Nations navigate various government agencies. These changes require First Nation administrators, developers, and legal counsel to stay up to date on environmental legal frameworks in Canada.

This program will bring together experts in the fields of Aboriginal and environmental law to address some of the most pressing issues facing Aboriginal communities, governments, and industry. Attendees will learn about the latest legal developments while also gaining a practical perspective from leaders who have faced and overcome challenges.

Key Issues to be Addressed:
- Changes to environmental assessment processes in BC and Canada
- Indigenous-led environmental assessments
- Indigenous rights in the context of assessments
- Rights impact assessments and working with consultants
- The role of indigenous knowledge
- Cumulative impacts
- Mitigation by the proponent and the Crown
- A case study of the Teck Frontier joint review panel
- An update on the Trans Mountain Expansion Project
- Division of powers

Who Should Attend:
- Aboriginal leaders, officials, councillors, community leaders, and elders
- Lawyers practising in Aboriginal law, environmental law, or natural resources and energy law
- Consultation professionals
- Federal, Provincial, and Municipal Government officials involved with environmental issues and First Nations
- Business leaders with a focus on sustainable resource management
- Negotiators, mediators, and consultants
- Academic and environmental stakeholders
**Faculty**

ADM Scott Bailey, Environmental Assessment Office, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Victoria, BC. Scott was appointed Assistant Director of the Environmental Assessment Office on February 10, 2017 after spending the previous five and a half years in the Office leading EA across various sectors. After four years of environmental consulting, Scott joined the BC Public Service in early 2000, holding various roles in natural resource agencies. Scott holds a diploma in Aviation technology, a Bachelor of Science in Geography and Environmental Studies, and a Master of Arts in Environment and Management. Scott has two children (12 and 16), and they enjoy a variety of activities together including hockey, sailing and movie watching.

Catherine Boies Parker, Q.C., Partner, Arvay Finlay LLP, Victoria, BC. Catherine Boies Parker, Q.C. was called to the Bar of the Law Society of British Columbia in 1998. Her areas of practice include constitutional, administrative, privacy, environmental and indigenous law, as well as labour and employment law. Catherine has appeared at all levels of Court, and before numerous administrative and regulatory tribunals. Catherine provides litigation and policy support for a wide range of public bodies, and conducts workplace investigations for both private and public clients. Catherine is a frequent guest lecturer on topics such as constitutional law, privacy law and civil liberties. She is the founding president of the Pacific Centre for Environmental Law and Litigation, a former director of the Pacific Institute for economies in transition, and a member of the Pacific Institute for economies in transition.

Jan Brongers, Senior General Counsel, Department of Justice (British Columbia Regional Office), Vancouver, BC. Jan has been a civil litigator throughout his 22-year career with the Department, which began in Ottawa before he returned to his home town of Vancouver in 2006. Jan has appeared before courts at all levels, including the Supreme Court of Canada, several administrative tribunals, and two commissions of inquiry. He is also a co-author of the Annotated Crown Liability and Proceedings Act. Jan is a McGill University alumnus and maintains his membership with the Bars of Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia.

Aaron Bruce (Kelts'-Tkinem), Partner, Ratcliff & Company LLP, North Vancouver, BC. Aaron is member of the Squamish Nation and is passionate about working with First Nations to balance economic development opportunities with the protection of Aboriginal rights and title interests and environmental conservation. He advises on land and resource issues, Aboriginal rights and title, matters under the Indian Act, First Nation governance issues, economic development opportunities, and acts as general counsel for First Nations governments. Aaron specializes in the negotiation of impact benefit agreements, accommodation agreements with the Crown, and other inter-agreements concerning land and natural resources.

Catherine Bohus, Legal Counsel, Department of Justice Canada, Vancouver, BC. Catherine has worked with what is now called the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) since 2013. Prior to working at IAAC Legal Services, she was counsel with the Aboriginal Law Centre within Justice Canada and counsel for the department now referred to as the Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNA). She is worked on several resource, litigation and policy responses to the duty to consult. She has used her legal experience in the area of Aboriginal law to assist the IAAC develop new approaches to consultations, as well as in the development of the Impact Assessment Act and related policy guidance materials. Previously, she worked with Human Rights Commission, in private practice and clerked for the Federal Court of Appeal.

Justin Straker, Principal, Integral Ecology Group, Duncan, BC. Justin is a soil scientist and forest ecologist, and a principal at IEG, which he co-founded in 2010. In 1992, Justin completed his B.A. at McGill University in anthropology, and in 1998 he completed a M.Sc. in soil science at the University of British Columbia. Justin has over 20 years of experience in applied terrestrial ecology, and primarily focuses his practice on three fields: reclamation of surface-mining disturbances, including design, implementation, assessment, review and regulatory inspection of reclamation and reclamation- related research programs; environmental impact assessment of environmental effects of industry (e.g., air pollution) on terrestrial ecosystems. Justin has worked throughout Canada, and in Alaska, South America, and South Asia.

Eli Enns, Research Associate, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC. Eli Enns is the great grandson of Naa’waas’um (historian and public speaker for Wickanninish) from Tla-o-qui-aht on his father’s side. On his mother’s side, Eli is a 2nd generation immigrant from the Netherlands, grandson of Peter Enns (Dutch Mennonite). Eli is an internationally recognized expert in bio-cultural heritage conservation and Indigenous economic development. He is a nation builder and Canadian political scientist focused in constitutional law, geopolitics and ecological governance. Eli has recently joined the board of directors for the Canadian Committee for IUCN and the Canadian network of UNESCO Global Geoparks. Co-founder of the Ha’ukmin Tribal Park in the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in Vancouver Island, the Aiyansh Indigenous Circle of Experts for The Pathway to Canada Target 1 (Aichi Target 11), is a Research Associate at The Polis Project on Ecological Governance at the University of Victoria and serves as the Regional Coordinator North America for the Indigenous Peoples and Community Conserved Territories and Areas (ICCA) Consortium.

Melody Lepine, Director, Government & Industry Relations (GIR), Mikisew Cree First Nation, Ms. Lepine is a member of the Mikisew Cree First Nation and was raised in the beautiful community of Fort Chipewyan, Alberta. Melody Lepine has been appointed Assistant Deputy Minister of the Environmental Assessment Office, Ministry of Environment, and acts as general counsel for First Nations on matters involving hydroelectric development and the implementation of land claims agreements. Jeff has appeared before all levels of Court in British Columbia, as well as the Yukon, Northwest Territories, the Federal Court and the Supreme Court of Canada. His practice includes clients in British Columbia, Yukon, the Northwest Territories, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario. Prior to joining JFK Law, Jeff practiced at a national law firm in Vancouver where he represented First Nations in matters involving, including Aboriginal law, commercial litigation, insolvency and dispute resolution.

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Trefor Smith, Senior Regulatory Advisor, Firelight Group, Vancouver, BC. Trefor Smith has been a Senior EA and Regulatory Advisor with the Firelight Group since 2014. He has worked in the areas of impact assessment and Aboriginal-Crown relations for over 25 years, including working as a senior advisor to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency from 2009 to 2014. Trefor specializes in rights impact assessment policy and methodologies, as well as extensive experience and knowledge regarding the intersection of impact assessment with the legal duty to consult and accommodate.

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Michelle Wilsson, Indigenous Co-Chair, TMX Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee; Council Member, Enoch Cree Nation, Enoch, AB. Michelle Wilsson is from the Enoch Cree Nation, located just west of Edmonton, Alberta in the heart of Treaty Six Territory. She currently serves her Nation as an elected member of Council, providing leadership for the planning, development and implementation of economic and governance functions of the Nation. Michelle’s focus is on community development initiatives that allow her Nation to reconstruct its past and provide opportunities for her Nation’s future. Michelle has over 25 years of experience in natural resource and corporate development, including CEO experience with the owned by the Nation and co-scheduled by the Government of Alberta, as well as in the government and non-profit sectors leading initiatives related to community economic development, lands and resource management as well as intergovernmental, community and industry relations. Michelle currently holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Victoria, a Certificate of Indigenous Peoples Resource Management Program from the University of Saskatchewan and Professional designation as a Certified Aboriginal Lands Manager.
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FEBRUARY 12TH, 2020 (DAY TWO)

9:00 Welcome and Introduction to Day Two
Karey Brooks  
JFK Law Corporation  
Kevin O’Callaghan  
Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP

9:05 Reframing the Relationship Between Indigenous Knowledge and Environmental Assessment
Eli Enns  
University of Victoria
- Indigenous legal and knowledge systems come from the land - iisaak olam
- Constitutional law - a bridge between Indigenous and Canadian legal orders
- Fostering better environmental assessment outcomes in “ethical space”

9:55 Questions and Discussion

10:05 Refreshment Adjournment

10:20 Addressing Cumulative Impacts – Where and How
Karey Brooks  
JFK Law Corporation  
Kevin O’Callaghan  
Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP
- Recent decisions
- Regional-based assessments
- Litigation

11:10 Questions and Discussion

11:20 Potential Project Mitigations for Impacts to Rights - The Role of the Proponent and the Role of the Crown
Robin Sidsworth  
Teck Resources Ltd.
- What proponents can and can’t do
- Getting beyond basic mitigations

12:10 Questions and Discussion

12:20 Networking Lunch

1:20 Case Study: Teck Frontier Joint Review Panel
Melody Lepine  
Mikisew Cree First Nation
- MCFN joint framework for rights assessment

2:10 Questions and Discussion

2:20 Refreshment Adjournment

2:35 Update on the Trans Mountain Expansion Project
Tim Dickson  
JFK Law Corporation  
Michelle Wilsdon  
TMX Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee
- Recent Federal Court decisions
- Project oversight committees: how to make them meaningful

3:25 Questions and Discussion

3:35 Environmental Laws and Division of Powers
Catherine Boies Parker, Q.C.  
Aravy Finlay LLP  
Jan Brongers  
Department of Justice
- What are the applicable laws relating to the environment
- Does “environment” have a different meaning under those laws
- What is the purpose of the various laws regulating the environment
- What is the concurrency or paramountcy of such environmental laws in relation to each other

4:25 Questions and Discussion

4:35 Chairs’ Closing Remarks For Day Two – Forum Concludes
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