Navigating Canadian Law and Policy Regarding Indigenous Peoples

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Registration is now open

This professional development program is an opportunity for representatives from diverse sectors including industry, non-government and government organizations (Indigenous, federal, provincial and municipal) to come together to develop understanding, tools and strategies for successful collaboration with Indigenous Peoples and organizations, within the context of recognizing and upholding the rights of Indigenous Peoples of Canada.

Over the past two decades in Canada, landmark court decisions have mandated free, prior and informed consent and the duty to consult and accommodate; the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) developed a set of Calls to Action; and, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) was adopted with the intention to implement the Declaration’s framework. In this context, it has become increasingly important for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people of Canada to have a working knowledge and understanding of Indigenous and Aboriginal rights, law and policies, and how they apply to their work in relation to Indigenous Peoples and communities, territories, businesses and government. The precedent setting agreements between the Haida Nation and the federal and provincial governments and the ongoing Haida title case serve as the backdrop for this program

This program will provide participants an introduction to:

- The existence of Indigenous systems of law and governance since time immemorial
- History of law and policy in Canada regarding Aboriginal Peoples and territories
- Legal terminology and the proper use of terminology regarding Indigenous Peoples of Canada
- Indian Act, Truth and Reconciliation Commission, United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Aboriginal rights and title in Canada
- Implications of key legal precedents in Aboriginal law in Canada for business practice, policy development and inter-cultural relationships

Participants will need to plan for a daily one-hour synchronous session Monday – Friday at 1pm Pacific/4pm Eastern (10 in total) between October 26th to November 6th, 2020; and time on their own during the week and on weekends to do activities that will prepare them for each synchronous session.

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