

Darla Rettie

Lawyer

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Darla Rettie is a trusted advisor offering practical and effective advice in the areas of commercial financing, business structuring, designing trusts and documenting First Nation laws. Her aim is to assist her Indigenous clients and their partners realize their goals, while navigating the complex web of laws that apply to First Nations and their businesses.

Darla works collaboratively to provide comprehensive and integrated advice to Indigenous governments and their corporate partners on: trusts, tax structuring, financing, joint ventures, limited partnerships, economic development projects (including gaming) and governance matters. Darla understands that Indigenous governments have their own laws, and Treaty and Aboriginal rights that must be respected and integrated into economic partnerships and governance structures. She assists Indigenous governments draft their own laws and taxing regimes.

Darla brings an extensive business background to the delivery of legal services and is widely recognized as a teacher and speaker on legal research and writing, and commercial Indigenous Law topics.

Practice Areas

→ Business

Corporate and Commercial

Corporate Finance

→ Indigenous

Industries

→ Infrastructure

Education

Admitted to the Manitoba Bar, 2003

LL. B., University of Manitoba, 2002

B.A., University of Manitoba, 1999



Publications and Appearances

Interview, "Saskatchewan and Manitoba Mining 2018", Global Business Reports Industry Explorations, June 2018

Presenter, "Legal Developments in 2016/2017 Impacting Lending Industry", CFS Aboriginal and North 60 Conference, RBC, Winnipeg (Inn at the Forks), September 21, 2016

Presenter, "Challenges in Building Wealth for First Nations", STEP, Winnipeg, March 15, 2016

Presenter, "Land Designations"; "First Nations Fiscal Management Act, Update on Legislative Changes that Impact Risk Assessment", RBC Aboriginal Team Conference, Winnipeg (Inn at the Forks), August 19, 2015

Presenter, "Structuring First Nation Owned Businesses: On and Off Reserve", Winnipeg, October 17, 2014

Presenter, "Trust Settlement Agreements", MSNWO Aboriginal Banking Conference, Winnipeg, July 16, 2013

Presenter, "Aboriginal Law: Primer for Corporate Commercial Lawyers", Pitblado Law, June 17, 2013

Presenter, "Non-Traditional Secondary Sources: Electronic Research", Law Society of Manitoba, November 14, 2012

Co-Presenter (with Bryan Schwartz), "Natural Resources Transfer Agreements: Reclaiming Rights "Extinguished" by the Supreme Court of Canada", Prince Albert Grand Council NRTA Summit, August 6 – 9, 2012

Presenter, "Lending to First Nation Trusts", RBC Aboriginal Banking Conference, South Beach Casino, May 29-31, 2012

Paper Contributor, "The Taxation of First Nations and Their Members – The Changing Landscape", Canadian Tax Foundation, 2011 Prairie Provinces Tax Conference, Edmonton, AB, May 23– 24, 2011

Presenter, "Jurisdiction over Lands, Water and Natural Resources", Norway House First Nation Special Panel on Mining and Rights, June 23, 2009

Presenter and Paper Author, "First Nation Consultation: Justification and Accommodation", First Nation Forum on First Nation-Crown Consultations, Winnipeg MB, February 11 – 12, 2009

Presenter, Case Law Update, Major Business Agreement Conference, Insight, Winnipeg, MB, June 3 – 4, 2008

Co-Author, "The Long and Winding Road: Case Comment on Mikisew Cree First Nation v. Canada (Minister of Canadian Heritage)", 34 S.C.L.R. (2d) 465, 2006

Co-Author, Valuing Canadians: Options for Voting System Reform in Canada. Ottawa: Law Commission of Canada, 2003



Memberships and Associations

Canadian Bar Association

Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce

Instructor of Advanced Legal Research and Legal Methods courses at Robson Hall Faculty of Law

Co-Chair, Legal Research Section, Manitoba Bar Association, 2009 – Present

Business Administration Advanced Program, Capilano College, North Vancouver, 1998

Honours and Awards

Manitoba Bar Association, 2009/2010 Section Award, Legal Research Section (Co-Chair)

Thompson, Q.C. Award, for Legislative Process, 2001

University of Manitoba, Faculty of Law Scholarship, 1999

Community

Director, Camerata Nova, 2021
