

Legal Department Staff Directory

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Fred Bellefeuille

Position: Director / Senior Counsel



Personal and Educational Background:

Fred is a citizen of Nipissing First Nation, graduating from Nipissing University with an Honours Bachelor of Arts Degree with distinction and from Osgoode Hall Law School at York University with an LLB focusing on Aboriginal Lands, Resource and Rights. He is the recipient of several academic awards from both Osgoode Hall Law School and Nipissing University. He is called to the Bar in the province of Ontario, works as Department Director and legal counsel for the Union of Ontario Indians Inc.

Fred has numerous years of experience in a number of practise areas including: governmental negotiations; treaty specific claims; elections and appeals; First Nation land law; reserve economic development; public inquiry advocacy; First Nation employment law; contract law; resource law; legislative drafting (First Nation constitutions, laws, codes and by-laws); legislative analysis and advocacy; tribunal and trial advocacy; First Nation governmental affairs

Fred enjoys public speaking and has presented and spoken in numerous conferences, workshops and public forums including topics such as: Treaties and their Interpretation; Aboriginal Self-government; Law and the First Nations War on Drugs; and Aboriginal Constitution Development.

Memberships include: Law Society of Upper Canada; Canadian Bar association; Nipissing Bar association and associate membership of the United States Federal Bar Association.

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