

October 28, 2025

# Indigenous Law Primer 2025

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**Sara Mainville**, *JFK Law LLP*

**November 17, 2025**

**9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Total CPD Hours = 5 h Substantive + 1 h EDI Professionalism **

**Webcast**

**Law Society of Ontario**

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## **Agenda**

**9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.**

**Welcome**

*Bernd Christmas, K.C., Bernd Christmas Law Group*

*Sara Mainville, JFK Law LLP*

**9:05 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.**

**Mining Opportunities vs. Challenges**

*The Honourable Greg Rickford,  
Minister of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic  
Reconciliation & Minister Responsible for Ring of Fire  
Economic and Community Partnerships*

**9:35 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.**

**Question and Answer Session**

<b>9:40 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>The <i>Indian Act</i> 101</b>  Derek Ground, Barrister and Solicitor
<b>10:15 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.</b>	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
<b>10:20 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:40 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Case Law Update</b>  Eugene Meehan, K.C., <i>Supreme Advocacy LLP</i>
<b>11:15 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.</b>	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
<b>11:20 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.</b>	<b>UNDRIP (30 m 🕒)</b>  Robert Brant, <i>McCarthy Tétrault LLP</i>
<b>11:55a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
<b>12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:00 p.m. – 1:35 p.m.</b>	<b>Judicial Treatment of UNDRIP (Gitxaala/Kebaowek)</b>  Robert Janes, K.C., <i>JFK Law LLP</i>
<b>1:35 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.</b>	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
<b>1:40 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Bill C-92 – A Legal Update from a Practitioner’s Vantage Point</b>  Sara Mainville, <i>JFK Law LLP</i>

<b>2:15 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.</b>	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
<b>2:20 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.</b>	<b>Economic Reconciliation in Ontario</b> <i>Clint Davis, CEO, Cedar Leaf Capital</i>
<b>2:55 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
<b>3:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:20 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.</b>	<b>Lawyers and Reconciliation- Words of Wisdom (30 m 🕒)</b> <i>Kathleen Lickers, Barrister and Solicitor</i>
<b>3:55 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Program Ends</b>