



Board of Directors

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Paul J. DeVillers, PC, LLB Board Chair

Paul served as Member of Parliament for the Ontario riding of Simcoe North from 1993 to 2005. He was first elected to parliament for the Liberal Party of Canada in the Canadian federal election, 1993 and re-elected in 1997, 2000, and 2004 before retiring from office prior to the 2006 election. During his political career, he has served as the Secretary of State for Physical Activity and Sport and Deputy House Leader in the Chretien Cabinet as well as a member of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, the Standing Joint Committee on Scrutiny of Regulations, and the House of Commons Standing Committee on the Environment. He chaired the House of Commons Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights, the Justice Subcommittee that reviewed the Corrections and Conditional Release Act (CCRA), the Justice Subcommittee on Organized Crime. Before entering politics, he studied at the University of Ottawa and practiced municipal law. Paul is Métis from the well-known Métis community around Georgian Bay. He currently lives in Ottawa with his wife and family.

Karen Drake, BA, MA, JD Board Vice-Chair

Karen practises in the area of civil litigation with a focus on commercial litigation, Aboriginal legal issues, human rights, and labour and employment. She has a record of success before various tribunals and courts, including the Ontario Labour Relations Board, the Superior Court of Justice, and the Divisional Court. Prior to joining Erickson & Partners, Karen articulated at Cassels Brock and Blackwell LLP. She subsequently completed a clerkship at the Ontario Court of Appeal, where she served as a law clerk to Mr. Justice Stephen Borins, Madam Justice Susan Lang, Mr. Justice Harry LaForme, and Madam Justice Gloria Epstein. Karen is Métis and lives in Thunder Bay with her husband.

Clint Davis, BBA, LLB, MPA

Clint is the President and CEO of the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB). He is an Inuk from Nunatsiavut, and was the National Director of Aboriginal Banking at BMO Bank of Montreal before joining CCAB. Prior to that, he held senior positions with the Government of Canada. Clint holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Acadia University, a Bachelor of Laws from Dalhousie University and a Masters of Public Administration from Harvard University. He is a Canada/US Fulbright scholar and a recipient of two scholarships from the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation. Clint is also the Chair of the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust for the Nunatsiavut Government. Clint lives in Toronto with his wife and daughter.