

# ► Vivienne Beisel, B.A., LL.B., LL.M., C.Arb., Q.Med

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## Adjudication Experience

- **2010 – Present – Adjudicator – Independent Assessment Process**  
Conducted approximately 350 hearings

## Mediation Experience

- Facilitated multi-stakeholder meetings regarding the sharing of traditional ecological knowledge and water resources
- Hundreds of hours of experience facilitating group discussions and workshops regarding Aboriginal law, history, and cross-cultural awareness with groups of up to 80 individuals
- Mediated family law settlements and participated in more than collaborative processes in the context of divorce and separation
- Participated in and facilitated consensus-based decision-making at the Bow River Basin Legislation and Policy Committee

## Research and Writing

- Completed a Master's thesis in law, focusing on Aboriginal water rights in Treaty 7, and reconciliation through consultation
- Completed extensive historical research requiring detailed examination of historical documents for Treaties 6, 7, and 8 from 1869 to the present and wrote arguments and opinions regarding Crown obligations and Treaty rights
- Researched issues relating to large land claims, prepared for Examination for Discovery, wrote legal memos
- Represented individuals deprived of housing on reserve
- Represented a number of Plaintiffs who suffered from the ill effects of environmental pollutants in the main water source on reserve
- Represented Band Councils and individuals regarding self-government issues and challenges to Indian Act band council elections
- Drafted a policy manual for the White Buffalo Youth Centre in Saskatoon, 2001
- Member of the Saskatchewan Law Review editorial board, 1996
- Completed a Treaty Land Entitlement research project, 1994
- Assisted Dr. Frank Tough in editing his book, "As Their Natural Resources Fail", an economic history of the fur trade, 1993

- Conducted a social needs assessment for Aboriginal people in Regina, 1992
- Wrote the winning proposal for the Aboriginal Women's Healing Lodge, Nekaneet, 1992

## Teaching Experience

- **1993 to 2008** - Taught the following classes at the undergraduate level:
  - Indian Studies 400.3: Indigenous Peoples under International Law, Saskatchewan Indian Federated College (SIFC), 2002.
  - A workshop for Graduate Studies and Research: Critical Thinking Skills for Graduate Students: University of Saskatchewan, 2001 and 2002.
  - Native Studies 314.3: Justice in Aboriginal Communities, University of Saskatchewan, 2001
  - Indian Studies 280: Research Issues in Indian Studies, SIFC, 2001
  - Native Studies 110.6 (Indian Studies 100 and Indian Studies 101): Introduction to Indian/Native Studies, SIFC and University of Saskatchewan, 1993-2001
  - INDG 343.3: Indigenous Peoples and Canadian Law, University of Calgary, Indigenous Studies Program, 2007 and 2008
  - Law 390.3: Critical Legal Studies to law students at the University of Saskatchewan, Fall 2001, in my capacity as a Graduate Teaching Fellow in the College of Law

## Education & Certification

- 2018 - Accredited by the Law Society of British Columbia as a Family Law Mediator
- 2017 - Working Creatively with Conflict: Mediation and Conflict Resolution Training, The Centre for Understanding in Conflict, Green Gulch, California,
- 2017 - Certified Chartered Arbitrator
- 2016 - Arbitration III, Arbitration Workshop
- 2016 - Certified Qualified Mediator
- 2016 - Member of BC Bar
- 2016 - Arbitration II, Conduct of Arbitration Proceedings
- 2010 to 2015 - Annual Adjudicator training, Indian Residential Schools Adjudication Secretariat
- 2012 - Decision writing, Foundation of Administrative Justice
- 2009 - Arbitration I, Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society
- 2008 - Master of Laws, (LL. M.), University of Saskatchewan
- 2004 - Called to Alberta Bar
- 1997 - Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), University of Saskatchewan,
- 1991 - Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), University of Saskatchewan, with great distinction. Major in Native Studies. Minors in Anthropology and Sociology
- 1996 - Mediation Certificate, Saskatoon Community Mediation Services
- 1994 - Facilitator Training Certificate, Canadian Crossroads International

## Professional Designations

- Accredited by the Law Society of British Columbia as a Family Law Mediator
- Qualified Mediator
- Chartered Arbitrator

- Member of the British Columbia Law Society

### Public Presentations and Guest Lectures

- “First-in-time-first-in-right’ in the era of reconciliation” Secwepmc Water Gathering, 2018
- “What is the mediator’s role in reconciliation?” BCAMI Symposium June, 2017
- “Alternative careers in law,” Faculty of Law, Thompson Rivers University, 2017
- “Reconciliation Through Watershed Management Planning,” Aboriginal Peoples and the Future of Water Management in Alberta Conference, June, 2010, Grant MacEwan University, Edmonton, Alberta
- “Land use planning as reconciliation” presentation to the Circle for Aboriginal Relations conference, May, 2010
- “Reconciliation and Consultation” presentation to the Working Forum on the Duty to Consult: Now What? Conference at the University of Alberta, October, 2009.
- “Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use” workshop, Circle for Aboriginal Relations Society, June, 2009
- “Treaty 8 water rights and the duty to consult,” Treaty 8 Livelihood, Duty to Consult Conference, Lesser Slave Lake, March 31, 2009
- “Protecting Indigenous Knowledge in Canadian law,” guest lecture in Indigenous Studies, 340.3, Archeology and Traditional Knowledge, University of Calgary, March 11, 2009
- “Water rights in Treaty 7 & 8 and the Duty to Consult,” University of Alberta, Aboriginal Law Speakers Series, March, 6, 2009
- “Aboriginal Water Rights and Jurisdictional Issues,” presentation to the AFN Conference, Dene Nation Environment and Water Summit, Yellowknife, November, 2008
- “Engagement of First Nations in the work of the Bow River Basin Council,” Bow River Basin Legislation and Policy Committee, September, 2008.
- “Water as a Treaty Right” presentation to the Keeper’s Ill Gathering, Fort Chipewyan, August, 2008
- “Water management planning and Aboriginal consultation,” Bow River Basin Council, 2008  
“Keepers of the Athabasca, Report to the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs,” presented to the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs, February 20, 2008

### Language Fluency

- English