



Ticketing & Enforcement East Region

Thursday July 24th, 2025

AMY JO SCHERMAN – *Senior Counsel*



Amy Jo Scherman is Senior Counsel at First Peoples Law LLP in Vancouver, BC. Amy Jo has had the privilege of working with many Land Code Nations.

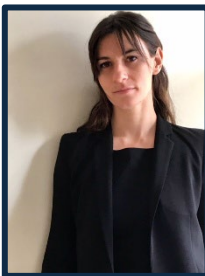
Amy Jo's practice focuses on First Nation governance including law drafting and enforcement, First Nation land transactions, and economic development on reserve.

RICHARD GROUNDS – *Barrister & Solicitor*



Richard Grounds is a former federal prosecutor and provincial Crown Counsel, who has significant experience working in the area of civilian oversight of the RCMP. He is a former Residential Schools adjudicator, a labour adjudicator and a mediator in employment disputes. As a workplace investigator, he has conducted investigations for First Nations, government agencies, municipalities, educational institutions, and corporations. He is on the Federal Work Place Harassment and Violence Prevention Regulations Registry of Investigators, he is a panel member of the British Columbia Employment Standards Tribunal, and he is outside counsel to the Department of Justice on miscarriage of justice matters.

KATE SIEMIATYCKI – *Lawyer & Policy Advocate*



Kate Siemiatycki is a lawyer at Elson Advocacy. Her practice includes litigation, public advocacy and organizational development. She works on behalf of individuals, First Nations and non-profit housing providers.

Before joining Elson Advocacy, Kate's work focused on criminal law, criminal policy development, civil sexual assault and indigenous law. She has held positions with Legal Aid Ontario, the Ministry of the Attorney General and a Toronto-based litigation firm.

JAY HERBERT – *Law Firm Partner*



Jay Herbert is a Partner at Falls Law Group, an Indigenous Law Firm from Ontario, and a Proud member of Rama First Nation. Jay Herbert was the first to successfully prosecute a First Nation Land Code and Land Code law in Ontario. Jay has a History Specialist Degree from York University and a Juris Doctor Degree from U of T Law. Jay has worked as a litigator for 15 years. During that time, he worked for First Nations governments, businesses, and individuals and successfully argued at various courts, including the Ontario Court of Appeal. At Falls Law Group, Jay uses his court experience to develop First Nation government policies, protocols, by-laws, laws, and codes. This includes trespass by-laws, citizenship codes, matrimonial real property law, and policies and protocols related to child protection and child protection agencies. Jay works with numerous First Nations, drafting and prosecuting First Nation Laws. He is also working with First Nation organizations and police forces to advocate and educate on the enforceability of First Nation Laws.

JACKIE LOMBARDI – *Lawyer & Director of Justice*



Jackie Lombardi is the Director of Justice at Chiefs of Ontario, and a licensed lawyer with the Law Society of Ontario. She graduated from the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law on the Dean's Honour List with a Distinction in Aboriginal Law and Indigenous Legal Traditions.

She brought her valuable perspective to the 2023 National Conference on the Enforcement of First Nation Laws, hosted by the First Nations Lands Advisory Board and First Nations Land Management Resource Centre.

CHIEF JOE MISKOKOMON – *Chippewas of the Thames First Nation*



Chief Joe Miskokomon is one of Ontario's most committed Indigenous leaders. Chief of Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Southwest Regional Chief of the Anishinabek Nation, and former Grand Chief of the Anishinabek Nation, he has helped advance First Nations self-governance, safeguard Aboriginal rights and treaties and encourage community economic development for over five decades.

Notably, he negotiated two major land claim settlements on behalf of his First Nation with the Canadian government. In 2024, he received the prestigious honour of being appointed to the Order of Canada.