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invites you to share

About the art ...

*"Image of Chief holding staff. These types of staffs were used for cleansing homes and people. Trust and Honor are restored (justice). The markings on his body represent protection. Traditionally the markings were made with red paint. The colour red represents life. The human is also holding his left hand up. This is the Salish way of giving thanks. The hands would be held up backwards and raised up and down. I have used three different human faces, four times. Four being the sacred number in our tradition. These multiple images are my way of showing the People of Society. Justice In Action."*

– Gwa Tye Yath, artist

## Inspiring stories connecting future leaders

### PROGRAM

9:00 – 10:00 am	Registration and refreshments
10:00 – 10:05 am	Welcome – Elder Larry Grant of the Musqueam First Nation
10:05 – 10:10 am	Opening remarks
10:10 – 10:30 am	Honouring Judge Scow
10:30 – 10:45 am	Coffee break
10:45 – 11:15 am	Panel presentations
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Q & A with audience
12:00 – 12:10 pm	Closing remarks
12:10 – 2 :00 pm	Networking lunch

A free public event at which  
**Aboriginal leaders** will share their  
**inspirational stories** and secrets to  
success in the legal profession

Featuring retired Judge **Alfred J. Scow**,  
the first Aboriginal lawyer and person  
appointed to the Bench

Designed for all, the event will also be  
a **networking opportunity** for lawyers  
practising Aboriginal law, Aboriginal  
lawyers, law students, those consid-  
ering a legal career and others

June 16, 2010  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

First Nations House of  
Learning (Longhouse)  
at UBC

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## MODERATOR



### Duncan McCue

Called to the BC Bar in 1998, Duncan McCue has been a reporter for CBC TV News in Vancouver for more than a decade. His news and current affairs pieces are featured on the network's flagship news show, *The National*. McCue is Anishinaabe, from the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation in Ontario. His work has received numerous awards, including the honour of the first-ever BC Region Radio-Television News Directors Association Adrienne Clarkson Diversity Award and an International Knight Fellowship at Stanford University in 2010-11. McCue is also an adjunct professor at the UBC School of Journalism, and has taught journalism to Indigenous students at First Nations University and Capilano University.

## OPENING REMARKS



### Glen Ridgway, QC

A Bencher of the Law Society since 2002, Glen Ridgway, QC is the Society's President for 2010. Based in Duncan, he has conducted a general litigation practice in the Cowichan Valley for more than

30 years. Ridgway is a member of the Canadian Bar Association, the Trial Lawyers Association of BC and is former president of the Cowichan Valley Bar Association. He has also served as a director of the Legal Services Society, as a trustee

of the Cowichan Valley School Board and as a board member of Malaspina University. He was a councillor for the Municipality of North Cowichan for more than 20 years and was also a director of the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

## HONOURED GUESTS AND SPEAKERS



### Judge Alfred Scow

Retired Judge Alfred Scow is a Hereditary Chief of the Qui'Qwa'Sot'Enox Nation on Gilford Island near Port Hardy. He is the first Aboriginal person in BC to graduate from law school, to become a member of the Bar and to be appointed to the Bench. Having retired from the Bench in 1994, Judge Scow is the founding president of the Vancouver Indian Centre, which is now the Aboriginal Friendship Centre. In 2001, he founded the Scow Institute, which works toward greater understanding between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples. He also helped to establish the First Nations House of Learning at UBC, where he continues to serve on the Management Council. Judge Scow was appointed to the Order of Canada in 2001 and into the Order of British Columbia in 2004.

### Tina Dion

Tina Dion is a lawyer and founding Vice-President, now President, of the Scow Institute. Dion is a member of the Kehewin Cree Nation located in northern Alberta. She is in-house counsel and Director of Legal Services for the Tsawwassen First

Nation, and was a long-time adjunct professor at the UBC Faculty of Law. She is also currently the co-chair of the Aboriginal Law Student Scholarship Trust, a joint initiative of the Canadian Bar Association, BC Branch and the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation.

### Grand Chief Edward John

Grand Chief Edward John of the First Nations Summit is a lawyer and a Hereditary Chief of the Tl'azt'en Nation, located on the banks of Stewart Lake in Northern BC. He has both an LL.B. and BA from UBC. A lawyer for 30 years, Chief John was a member of the tripartite BC Claims Task Force, which recommended the establishment of the independent BC Treaty Commission to facilitate negotiations between First Nations, Canada and BC. Chief John is currently serving his eighth consecutive term as a member of the First Nations Summit Political Executive. He was also recently appointed as the next North American Representative (2011-2014) to the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

### Elizabeth Hunt

Elizabeth Hunt is a Kwakiutl First Nation lawyer. She was called to the Bar in 1995 and her practice focuses on Aboriginal law. Hunt has been a sessional professor at University of Victoria and Thompson Rivers University. In 1997, she obtained the Professional Specialization Certificate in International Intellectual Property Law initiated by Oxford University, University of Victoria and the University of Illinois. Recently, she was profiled by the Law Society for balancing her career with family responsibilities. She is a mother of two, practises law part time in Williams Lake and,

since 2004, has volunteered on the Law Society's Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee. Hunt also volunteers with the Lawyers Assistance Program.

## CLOSING REMARKS

### Patrick Kelly

Patrick Kelly served as an Appointed Bencher of the Law Society from 2002 until early June 2010. A member of the Leq:amel First Nation (Sto:lo Nation), Kelly has sat on numerous Law Society committees, including Executive, Discipline, Ethics, Special Compensation Fund, and Equity and Diversity. Kelly is a former Executive Director of the BC Chapter of the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business. His past positions include Manager, Cultural Relations at BC Hydro, treaty representative for the Leq:amel First Nation, and Director of Strategic Planning and Communications for Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. Kelly is an organizational development, community planning and communications consultant. He is also the founding president of the BC Aboriginal Golf Association. In 2009, Kelly received a BC Community Achievement Award.

### Robert Brun, QC

First elected a Bencher in 2005 and again in 2008, Robert Brun, QC is currently Chair of the Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee and Vice-chair of the Practice Standards Committee. Brun has been very active with the Canadian Bar Association, and is a former president of the BC Branch. Called to the Bar in 1978, Brun has been a partner with the firm of Harris & Brun since 1984.