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- *The Indian Act*: key issues for practitioners and policy makers
- Section 35 – understanding its purpose, framework and emerging issues
- History and development of modern day treaties: current policies, opportunities and challenges
- The most significant cases and key legal concepts from the last 40 years
- Consult and Accommodate – the fundamentals, plus Crown, Proponent and Indigenous perspectives on implementation strategies across Canada

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Created to help you understand this complex and vitally important body of law, this intensive program is a deep dive into the **knowledge** and **practical strategies** you need to be able to work more effectively when dealing with these complex and rapidly evolving legal issues.

The aim of the program is to provide you with a practical understanding of Indigenous rights and title, the constitutional and legislative framework, reserve lands and developments on reserve, treaty interpretation, modern treaties and consultation and accommodation. After examining the history and current state of the law, we will reflect on what the future looks like.

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## Topics Include:

- The historic narrative and constitutional framework
- Understanding historic treaties – the context, perspectives and contemporary realities
- Understanding (and working effectively with) Indigenous self-governance
- The relationship between the historic treaties and the role of the Crown, the division of powers, treaty rights and the *Indian Act*
- Modern day treaties using case studies and a Canada-wide comparative analysis
- Métis Rights and Reconciliation
- The duty to consult and accommodate – its origins, recent case law developments and best practices
- Implementation of consultation across Canada, including current and developing practices in resource development, impact benefit agreements, participation agreements, cooperation agreements and revenue sharing agreements
- Reflecting on where are we now and what's next?

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- Legal professionals practicing in the areas of Aboriginal law, natural resources, environmental and Constitutional law
- Government lawyers/officials – federal, provincial and municipal sectors
- In-house Counsel, particularly those working in the energy, resource and infrastructure development sectors
- Community Leaders, councilors and advisors
- Negotiators and mediators for industry, government and Indigenous communities



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# Agenda

In addition to the recorded content, students are encouraged to participate in these live (via ZOOM) sessions (optional):

#### Program Kickoff (optional):

March 4, 2024; 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm ET

- Engage with the Program Directors for an overview of the program and meet your fellow colleagues.

#### Q&A Drop-In Sessions (optional):

March 19 and April 8, 2024; 12:30 – 1:30 pm ET

- Get your questions answered and engage with colleagues and our Program Directors.

## MODULE 1

### The Foundations

#### Overview of the Historic Narrative and Legal Implications

- The pre-existence of Indigenous peoples and the assertion of sovereignty
- Canada's creation, expansion and settlement
- Treaty making with Indigenous peoples (pre and post-Confederation)
- The ongoing national project of treaty making and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples
- Acknowledging the existence of Indigenous Laws

#### Understanding the Constitutional Framework

- The Royal Proclamation, 1763
- The Division of Powers and Section 91(24) of the *Constitution Act*, 1867
- The 1870 Order, the *Manitoba Act*, 1870, the Natural Resources Transfer

#### Agreements and other constitutional instruments

- The *Constitution Act*, 1982
- The role of International Norms and Principles and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

#### Understanding the Historic Treaties: Context, Perspectives and Contemporary Realities

#### The Relationship between the Historic Treaties and the Role of the Crown, the Division of Powers, Treaty Rights and the *Indian Act*

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## MODULE 2

### The *Indian Act*

#### An Overview of the History and Development of the *Indian Act* and its Ongoing Evolution

#### The *Indian Act*: Key Issues for Practitioners and Policy-Makers

- 'Status' registration under the *Indian Act*, including the Descheneaux case and Canada's response
- Legal issues for business operations as well as taxation on-reserve
- Issues surrounding the negotiation of self-government and other agreements with Bands under the *Indian Act*
- Land tenure and permitted uses under the *Indian Act*

#### Governance Institutions in Indigenous Communities: *Indian Act* Councils and Traditional Indigenous Governments

#### The *Land Management Act*

- Overview of the purpose of the Act and its intersection with the *Indian Act*
- Practical realities of its impact
- Opting out of the *Indian Act*

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## MODULE 3

### The Aboriginal Rights Framework in Section 35

#### Section 35 Aboriginal Rights Framework

- The legal test
- The history, development and evolution of s.35 of the *Constitution Act*, 1982
- Understanding and identifying Aboriginal title and emerging issues

#### Métis Rights and Reconciliation

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## MODULE 4

### The Modern Day Treaties

#### Evolution of the Treaty Making Process

- Anatomy of a modern day treaty
- Approaches to modern treaty making

#### An Overview of the History and Development of the Modern Day Treaties: Current Policies, Opportunities and Challenges

## Understanding the Modern Day Treaties through Case Studies and a Comparative Analysis Across Canada

### Key Emerging Issues in Modern Day Treaty Implementation and the Road Ahead

- Treaty implementation – moving beyond the colonial model
- Environmental assessments and land and water co-management
- Funding treaty implementation and self-government (Financial Transfer Agreements)
- Business and wealth creation
- The Collaborative Fiscal Policy Development Process

### The Most Significant Cases and Key Legal Concepts from the Last 40 Years

- The key cases you need to know about and their practical implications for professionals working in this area

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## MODULE 5

### The Duty to Consult and Accommodate

#### Understanding the Duty to Consult and Accommodate

- Origins of the Duty as a part of the Infringement Test
- Journey of the Duty since Haida and Taku
- An overview of recent developments and case law
  - Non-treaty context (Haida, Taku)
  - Historic treaty context (Mikisew)
  - Modern treaty context (Little Salmon)
- What we know and don't know about the duty

#### Introduction to Consultation: Who, What, Why (and practical strategies on How)

#### Consultation: Implementation Challenges and Opportunities (including a discussion of the key issues identified by participants)

#### Implementation of Consultation Practices Across Canada

- Crown, community, industry and proponent perspectives on how the duty to consult is being implemented in different communities and industries

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## MODULE 6

### Where We Are and What's To Come

#### Self-Governance – the Foundations

#### Understanding the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People

- Overview of UNDRIP
- Assessment of how it has been adapted and implemented in Canada

#### Exercising Jurisdiction

- Overview of the principles
- Case studies of community exercising jurisdiction: Challenges, successes, lessons learned for going forward

#### Indigenous Child Welfare

#### Where Do We Go From Here?

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*“Coming into this course with extremely little understanding of the Canadian legal context or the relationship between it and our indigenous population, these sessions provided an excellent overview of key milestones in Canada’s history that have shaped today’s landscape.”*

David Barrett  
Director Sustainability,  
Alamos Gold Inc.

*“The best thing about the program was the quality and knowledge of the presenters, and how well the topics relate to the work we do in government every day.”*

Janet Leader  
Executive Assistant,  
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*“The range of topics and breadth of speakers was very impressive. Furthermore the contacts I made via networking with students and faculty were invaluable.”*

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