

Jamesy A. Patrick

Bencher Election 2018 – New Lawyer Member

Bio:

Jamesy was called to the Saskatchewan Bar in 2013. Jamesy is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan's J.D. program (2012) and obtained her Masters in Law (LL.M) at the University of Saskatchewan in 2016. Jamesy's LL.M research focused on Access to "Voice" for Indigenous children and youth in the Child Welfare system. Jamesy is Crown Counsel at the Ministry of Social Services. She is also a Sessional Lecturer at the University of Saskatchewan College of Law, where she has developed a course titled *Entertainment Law*. Prior to Jamesy's role as Crown Counsel, Jamesy worked at the Native Law Centre's publications department and was a contributing editor to the Canadian Native Law Reporter, an instructor in the Native Law Center Summer Program, and a lawyer at Maurice Law. Jamesy is also a past Board Member to the Saskatchewan Research Ethics Board at the University of Saskatchewan. Jamesy is the proud mother of two children, Gwendolyn and Russell.

Reasons for interest as a Bencher:

To me, the role of a Bencher is paramount to ensuring progressive reform from within. I believe that contributing to, and working on, improving a profession that I deeply respect is one of the more important roles a lawyer has within their community. I have taken great pride in my work at the University and serving on the University's Research Ethics Board to ensure positive reform within that system. I have the experience of writing and critiquing systems, which was largely the focus of my LL.M research - a skill which I have been able implement in my day-to-day practice as Crown Counsel for the Ministry of Social Services. I believe I would bring the totality of this experience to my role as a New Lawyer Bencher, and would be honored to contribute, problem solve, and work alongside esteemed members of the legal profession in a climate where Access to Justice, transparency in the profession, and reform are critical to the important role lawyers hold within their communities. As a young woman, and mother of two very young children, I am living the realities of balancing legal practice and children. I am of the view that it is critical to have Benchers who are representative of the changing profession.