

Shoshanna Y. Paul

Shoshanna Paul is a member of the English River First Nation, a Dene community located in Northern Saskatchewan, and she currently works as a Legal Advisor for her First Nation.

Shoshanna received her Juris Doctor from the University of British Columbia in 2014, which included a period of study abroad at the University of Otago in New Zealand. She was called to the Saskatchewan bar in 2015. Since her admittance to the bar, Shoshanna has worked in a variety of areas including civil litigation, family law, corporate/commercial, and administrative law. More recently, Shoshanna's practice has been focused on First Nation governance, administrative and land use issues on reserve, corporate/economic development, and employment law on reserve. She has worked closely with First Nation governments to draft, develop, and implement their own laws and policies, including matrimonial real property laws, laws pursuant to the *First Nations Land Management Act*, and internal corporate policies.

Shoshanna's long-standing interest in Indigenous history, culture, and law influences her academic and volunteer pursuits. She completed a Bachelor of Arts in anthropology and First Nations studies at the University of British Columbia prior to law school and has a curatorial background in contemporary Indigenous art. Currently, she is the Chair and Legislation and Law Reform Representative for the Canadian Bar Association's (Saskatchewan Branch) Aboriginal Law Section – North. She has also been a contributing editor for the Canadian Native Law Reporter published by the University of Saskatchewan's Native Law Centre. Furthermore, Shoshanna has guest lectured on the topic of the *Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act* for the University of Saskatchewan's Kanawayihetaytan Askiy Certification Program.

Shoshanna believes that her strong interest and background in Indigenous culture and law could support the Law Society's response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. She also has links to the University of Saskatchewan College of Law through her partner Ben who teaches there, and links to the Law Society of Manitoba where her brother Sacha is a bencher. If elected as a New Lawyer Bencher, Shoshanna aims to provide unique perspectives not only as a newly called lawyer, but also as an Indigenous lawyer with a strong background in Indigenous culture and law.