

	<p>Leah Ballantyne, BA, LLB, LLM</p> <p>Leah is a proud Indigenous woman from the Treaty Six Band of the Mathias Columb Cree Nation in Pukatawagan, Manitoba. Leah is the first and only lawyer from her community in Northern Manitoba. She earned her Masters of Law Degree with a specialization in International and Comparative Laws and graduated from the University of BC Faculty of Law with an LLB in 2005. She has been a member in good standing of the Law Society of Manitoba since 2008 and has run a successful law business since that time.</p>
	<p>Melissa Chung</p> <p>Melissa is of Chinese/Métis descent and grew up in Portage la Prairie, MB. She is Community Involvement Manager for the Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Council at United Way Winnipeg. Melissa is a graduate of Ryerson University with a Master of Arts degree in Immigration and Settlement Studies where her research focused on Indigenous and new Canadian relations.</p>
	<p>Jamie Dumont</p> <p>Jamie is Métis from St. Laurent, Manitoba. She currently lives in Winnipeg and holds an honours degree in Psychology from the University of Winnipeg. Jamie worked for the provincial government for 13 years in areas that included Indigenous and northern community and economic development, crown-Indigenous relations and consultation. She is currently employed as a diversity and inclusion professional with the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation.</p>
	<p>Rob Read</p> <p>Rob is the owner of Bison Fire Protection Inc., a company that opened in 2001 with only 5 staff. Since then the company has grown to include 6 offices spread over 3 provinces and a total staff of 90 people. Rob has always believed in giving back to the community that has supported him and the entire Bison staff and families. He is active on many boards and his company supports several charitable community organizations including The Teddy Bear Picnic, the Santa Claus Parade, Teen Challenge, The Winnipeg Folk Festival and Siloam Mission.</p>
	<p>Dan Richard</p> <p>Dan is a First Nation person with his band in Manitoba—Sandy Bay First Nation. He earned his Bachelor of Commerce (Hons.) degree from the University of Manitoba in 1998. He became affiliated with the Aboriginal Business Education Program and remains an active alumnus with that program. He obtained his CA designation in 2001, becoming the third First Nation CA in Manitoba. Dan is now Director of Finance with the Usand Group.</p>
	<p>Kieran Saindon</p> <p>Kieran is Métis, from the town of Ste. Anne, MB. He is currently a Staff Accountant at KPMG LLP. Kieran has always had a deep appreciation for his culture. While serving as President of the University of Manitoba Indigenous Commerce Students, he was engaged in planning numerous events, fundraisers and member activities which brought together individuals passionate about the issues facing Indigenous people. He continues to work with the business community to create opportunities for Indigenous students at the University of Manitoba.</p>