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2018

Calgary and Edmonton  
*Student Seminar Program*

# Bennett Jones Academy

## Student Curriculum Calgary and Edmonton

Our Commitment to Continuing Legal Education – Substantive and Professionalism Courses 2018



We are delighted to welcome you to our Bennett Jones Academy (BJA) Curriculum, specifically designed for students, which has been created to highlight our upcoming courses in 2018. At Bennett Jones LLP, we are committed to helping our students and lawyers reach their highest potential as professionals, consistent with the firm's standard of excellence in client service. BJA is a comprehensive, integrated system that provides you with the tools, opportunities and support to excel in the legal profession.

Our student specific courses are delivered in the summer and early fall in order to ensure that our summer and articling students receive continuing legal education seminars that introduce you to the firm, the practice of law and some of the basic principles of law that will support you in your efforts to hit the ground running as a new legal professional.

The student curriculum is one part of our overall, firm-wide, BJA offerings. Our broader BJA offerings, delivered year round, are designed to build the best possible foundation and enhance the skills and knowledge of our lawyers at every stage of their careers. Our orientation and introductory programs provide you with the framework and tools for understanding the legal, business, ethical and practical issues you are likely to encounter in the first years of practice. Our professionalism courses support you as you grow into more senior supervisory and leadership roles and our advanced substantive programs help you keep abreast of developments in your area of practice and continue to hone your skills and expertise.

We believe in providing top-notch, value-added programming for our students and lawyers and are pleased to be offering a wide range of substantive and professionalism courses for 2018.

Our substantive courses range from understanding private equity transactions from both the legal and client perspectives, to trial preparation and mergers and acquisitions. Our professionalism courses include advanced transactional drafting, negotiation ethics and applying science to improve our health and wellness.

As you review this booklet, you will see that we have laid out the 2018 student sessions so you can know specifically what you will be learning and who will be delivering those sessions. We have also outlined a sampling of other courses that were offered previously or are planned for 2018 in order to provide you with a good sense of the overall BJA offerings that are provided to all students and lawyers.

We hope you will enjoy attending our courses, learning about the latest developments and trends in the law and gaining an insight into different areas of professionalism.

Hugh MacKinnon  
Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

*“Learning is like rowing upstream:  
not to advance is to drop back.”*

- Chinese Proverb



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# Practicing Law – What it Means to be a Corporate, Litigation, Regulatory and Tax Lawyer

Bennett Jones Professionalism Series

**Date: Summer, 2018**

Lunch: 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Course: 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

## Course Overview

Each of our department heads will take the opportunity to introduce you to their broad areas of practice, how their practices have evolved over the course of their careers and how all of our different practice areas work together to provide excellence in all client services.

This is also an opportunity to learn, in a casual setting, how each department functions, how work-flows, how teams are formed for particular transactions or advocacy opportunities and to get a sense of the people and culture of Bennett Jones.

## Faculty



### **Patrick T. Maguire**

Partner, Co-Head of Corporate Department

Pat Maguire, co-head of the firm's corporate department and member of the energy practice group, acts for energy companies on a broad range of commercial transactions, both in Canada and internationally. He is recognized by clients as "a tremendous lawyer", one who "has an excellent knowledge of the technical aspects of commercial deals," and "second to none in terms of his dedication, attitude and responsiveness." (*Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business*)



### **Kenneth T. Lenz Q.C.**

Partner, Co-Head of Litigation Department

Co-head of the firm's litigation department, Kenneth Lenz focuses his practice on insolvency and restructuring matters, including representing companies, receivers, monitors, acquirors, creditors and financial institutions in managing corporate reorganization and the realization of assets. Ken has in recent years acted in almost every significant restructuring in Alberta, and in many as counsel for the restructuring company under *Companies Creditors Arrangement Act* proceedings where the indebtedness and share structure are modified through a court ordered arrangement. This practice necessarily involves litigation concerning oil and gas industry agreements, lending arrangements, security enforcement and corporate governance matters.



### **Brad Gilmour**

Partner, Head of Regulatory

Brad Gilmour is head of the firm's regulatory department and co-head of the environmental department. His practice focuses primarily on environmental, energy, regulatory and aboriginal law.



### **Darcy D. Moch**

Partner, Co-Head of Tax

Darcy Moch is co-chair of the firm's tax and estates department. His practice focuses on the income tax aspects of corporate reorganizations, mergers and acquisitions, takeovers, debt and asset-based financings, the formation and capitalization of income funds, partnerships and other flow-through vehicles, and cross-border financing and leasing transactions.

# The Supreme Court of Canada – A Look Inside

Bennett Jones Professionalism Series

**Date: Summer, 2018**

Time: 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. (small group lunch sessions)

## Course Overview

Sit down for lunch with the Honourable John C. (Jack) Major C.C., Q.C. It is a great opportunity for all of us to have "Jack" here at Bennett Jones at this stage of his distinguished legal career. These small group lunches provide our students with the opportunity to have a discussion with Jack about what it's like to be a Supreme Court judge, how decisions are "really" made and what it was like to be presiding over matters ranging from assisted suicide to the death penalty to Quebec separation. There's also the opportunity to learn from Jack's 34 years of experience as a Bennett Jones partner, his time as commissioner conducting the inquiry into the bombing of Air India Flight 182 and a host of other life and law experiences.

## Faculty



### *Hon. John C. (Jack) Major C.C., Q.C.*

Counsel

The Honourable John C. (Jack) Major, retired Supreme Court of Canada judge, rejoined the firm as a consultant in 2006 upon his return to private legal practice.

In that role, he provides strategic and tactical reviews of significant matters for the firm's clients and is a senior mentor to the lawyers and staff of the firm. His present area of practice includes mediation, arbitration, corporate governance and consultation.

The Honourable Jack Major has helped shape the legal landscape in Canada through his years as a lawyer, judge and now as counsel. In 1967, he became a litigation partner at Bennett Jones and practised at the firm for 34 years. He was involved in several cases that brought about significant changes in local, provincial and federal policies and legislation. He also served as counsel to the Canadian Medical Protective Association (Alberta); counsel for the City of Calgary Police Service; counsel at the CCB and Northland Bank (Estey Commission) and was counsel for the Province of Alberta at the Code Inquiry into the collapse of Principal Group of Companies, 1987.

On July 11, 1991, the Honourable Jack Major was appointed to the Alberta Court of Appeal. The following year, on November 13, 1992, he was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada. During his time with the Supreme Court of Canada, he presided over approximately 1000 cases on matters ranging from assisted suicide to the death penalty to Quebec separation.

In March 2006, he was appointed to the Alberta Securities Commission as an independent member and, in May 2006, he was appointed as commissioner to conduct an inquiry into the investigation of the bombing of Air India Flight 182.

The Honourable Jack Major is a member of the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice and the Canadian Judges Conference. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1972, and was appointed a Companion of the Order of Canada in July 2008.

# Business Etiquette and Professionalism – Getting Along and Getting Ahead: The Professionalism Advantage

Bennett Jones Professionalism Series

**Date: Summer, 2018**

Course: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Lunch: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

## Course Overview

Designed specifically for summer law students and articling students beginning their careers in the legal industry, this half-day workshop will include interactive exercises and role-playing and will conclude with a luncheon, at which time students will have the opportunity to enhance their understanding and command of dining etiquette.

## This Bennett Jones Academy professionalism series course will focus on:

- Showing Up Prepared
- Remembering Names
- Delivering for Clients
- Behavior in Meetings
- Exchanging Business Cards
- Office Consideration
- Phone & E-mail Correspondence
- Cocktail Receptions & Networking
- Social Media Best Practices
- Dining Etiquette

## Faculty



### Thomas Farley

Manners & Etiquette Expert

Thomas P. Farley is an expert on modern manners and professionalism. His work as a media commentator, author, corporate trainer and professional speaker is empowering individuals nationwide to master habits and behaviors that will enhance their opportunities for success—both in their professional lives and in their social interactions. His clients are corporations, professional service firms, and universities, and among the companies he has worked with include Walt Disney, Viacom, Wells Fargo, JPMorgan Chase, AAA, Patton Boggs, Venable, Estée Lauder and the New York City Economic Development Corporation.

For almost a decade, Thomas edited *Town & County* magazine's "Social Graces" column, and his book, *Modern Manners: The Thinking Person's Guide to Social Graces*, has enjoyed multiple printings. He is featured contributor to *The Experts Guide to Doing Things Faster*.

Programs such as the *Today Show* and *CBS Early Show* regularly seek his advice, and the *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, and *USA Today* have also relied on his counsel.

A graduate of New York's Fordham University, Thomas advocates an approach to manners and etiquette that is practical, enjoyable and non-judgmental, and his down-to-earth advice is immediately applicable.

# Effective Legal Writing Workshop

Bennett Jones Professionalism Series

**Date: Summer, 2018**

Course: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Lunch: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## Course Overview

Learn to write, and therefore, think better (or different, following *Apple's* advice). We use a radical example (comparing a concise, precise, and direct release with a standard version) to show how just two key principles and two key tools will improve your writing—forever. Let readers focus on your ideas, without getting lost in fuzzy language.

## This Bennett Jones Academy professionalism series course will focus on:

- Writing more like you speak;
- Writing for your readers;
- Being concise; and
- Using active-voice verbs.

## Faculty



### **John Blois**

Writer, Editor, Instructor

With a background in law and communications, John has trained over 2000 professionals (lawyers, accountants, bankers, doctors, engineers, bureaucrats, scientists, and others) across Canada (with forays to America) to write better.

When they can't do that, he also writes and edits for them. Clients include the Canadian Bar Association, the Legal Services Society of BC, law firms, auditors general in Alberta and Manitoba, securities commissions in several provinces, Canadian banks, and federal, provincial and municipal governments.



### **Joan Bilslund**

Associate

Joan Bilslund is a corporate and research lawyer. She works primarily in corporate law, assisting energy and utility companies on questions of shareholders' rights, directors' duties and responsibilities, partnerships, including limited partnerships, and real estate transactions. Joan's experience in legal research is complemented by her Master's of Library and Information Science, for which she completed a research project on electronic research needs of lawyers. The program gave her added insight into how people use electronic information for business purposes.

Joan is a member and former President of the Canadian Bar Association Research Lawyers Section (South).

# Corporate Law Overview

Bennett Jones Substantive Series

**Date: Summer, 2018**

Lunch: 11:45 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Course: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## Course Overview

Join us for a session with our corporate law professionals covering basic corporate law topics including an overview of the process of incorporating and organizing a CBCA corporation, maintaining corporate existence and undertaking fundamental corporate changes.

## This Bennett Jones Academy substantive series course will focus on:

- Factors in determining a Canadian jurisdiction for incorporation;
- Attributes of classes and series of shares;
- Meetings and resolutions of Directors and Shareholders; and
- Duties of Directors and Officers.

## Faculty



### ***Kelly R. Ford***

Associate

Kelly R. Ford advises on private equity transactions, public and private mergers and acquisitions and corporate and securities matters.

Kelly has experience advising strategic and financial buyers and sellers operating in principally the resource, energy services and technology sectors with respect to public and private merger and acquisition transactions, including unsolicited takeover bids, plans of arrangement and asset and share purchase transactions. Kelly also advises on all aspects of routine and transactional corporate and securities matters, including ongoing business planning and governance issues.

Prior to joining Bennett Jones, Kelly practised in Vancouver, British Columbia, at a major Canadian law firm and a boutique firm specializing in private equity and corporate and securities law.



### ***Helen L. Cox***

Associate

Helen Cox has a general corporate law practice, with a focus on commercial transactions within the energy sector.

Prior to joining Bennett Jones as an associate, Helen articulated with the firm.



# Litigation Overview

Bennett Jones Substantive Series

**Date: Summer, 2018**

Lunch: 11:45 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
 Course: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## Course Overview

The Litigation Department at Bennett Jones is vibrant and diverse. You will have the opportunity to work on a broad range of files at all levels of court in Canada as well as in both domestic and international arbitration forums. The objective of this seminar is to introduce you to the Litigation Department and provide general practice advice for students.

### This Bennett Jones Academy substantive series course will focus on:

- Structure of the court system;
- Litigation practice considerations;
- Applications and Chambers practice points; and
- Litigation in practice

## Faculty



### **David R. McKinnon**

Partner

David McKinnon's litigation practice focuses on the resolution of complex commercial, energy, shareholder, franchise, and intellectual property disputes.

David regularly appears as counsel before all levels of courts in Alberta, and in international and domestic arbitration proceedings held under the auspices of the American Arbitration Association, the International Centre for Dispute Resolution, and the Canadian Arbitration Association.

He also acts in aviation matters, and represents medical professionals sued for malpractice or facing professional disciplinary proceedings. He has been an invited speaker by the Canadian Bar Association Health Law Section, the Canadian Medical Protective Association, and the University of Calgary Faculty of Medicine.

David is a member of the firm's Kickstart, a liaison with the Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO) Calgary, and is an active volunteer in the community serving as chair of the governance committee of EducationMatters, and on the auction committee of UNICEF Water for Life.



### **David J. Wahl**

Associate

David Wahl's practice focuses on commercial litigation, international commercial arbitration, and investor-state arbitration, with a particular emphasis on construction disputes.

In addition to advocating for his clients before courts and arbitral tribunals, David is regularly consulted to provide strategic advice to clients on construction projects where disputes are on the horizon. He also has extensive experience with builders' lien disputes.

David represents major institutional clients in complex multi-party litigation and international commercial arbitration with respect to significant commercial disputes. David appears as litigation counsel before all levels of courts in Alberta, and has acted as arbitration counsel under the world's leading international arbitration rule systems including ICC, LCIA and UNCITRAL.

David's practice is complemented by his business and executive experience in the construction industry before entering the field of law.

# Corporate/Commercial Energy Law - Overview

Bennett Jones Substantive Series

**Date: Summer, 2018**

Lunch: 11:45 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
 Course: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## Course Overview

This session will provide students with an overview of the different areas of law and industries in which lawyers in the Energy Group practice, with emphasis on:

- the type of agreements, projects and clients typically involved in each area;
- industry basics and terminology;
- market trends; and
- what it's like to practice law in these areas.

## This Bennett Jones Academy substantive series course will focus on:

- Oil & Gas
  - › Upstream
  - › Midstream
  - › Downstream
  - › M&A
  - › Joint Venture/Co-Ownership
- Power and Renewables
  - › Power/Electricity
  - › Other Renewables
  - › Emissions and Climate Change
- Engineering, Procurement and Construction
  - › Types of Energy Related Projects
  - › Contracting Models and Strategy
  - › Project Execution and Operations

## Faculty



### Geoffrey P. Stenger

Partner

Geoffrey Stenger's practice is primarily focused on project development, energy, infrastructure and construction law as he acts for owners and contractors on a variety of commercial matters relating to structuring, delivery and execution of projects, both in Canada and internationally. Geoff has experience acting for clients negotiating, drafting and advising on large EPC, Design-Build, Engineering, DBFO, maintenance and other construction/project related agreements on energy, infrastructure and commercial projects and Geoff's experience includes structuring, drafting and negotiating project related joint venture and partnership relationships. He has also acted on a number of private-public partnership (P3) projects throughout Canada pertaining to the construction and maintenance of schools, highways, hospitals, and other infrastructure initiatives.

Geoff also advises clients on procurement (RFP/Tender) related matters, builders' liens, service agreements as well as other issues that arise during the execution of work on a project.

Geoff is on the executive of the Alberta Construction Law subsection of the Canadian Bar Association.

Geoff received *The Osgoode Certificate* in Public-Private Partnerships.



### Lucas (Luke) J.C. Morrison

Associate

Luke Morrison acts for energy companies on a broad range of commercial transactions, both in Canada and internationally. He regularly represents clients in the negotiation and drafting of energy contracts relating to the development of oil & gas and renewable/alternative resources, including joint venture, construction, operations, marketing/midstream and other types of project agreements. Luke also assists clients in the acquisition and divestiture of energy-related projects and assets, including the negotiation of purchase and sale agreements and conducting corporate, title, and environmental due diligence.

Luke articulated with the firm before becoming an associate.

Luke is a member of the Canadian Energy Law Foundation and the Natural Resources Section of the Canadian Bar Association.

# Motions and Appearances

Bennett Jones Substantive Series

**Date: Summer, 2018**

Lunch: 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Course: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## Course Overview

This course provides instruction on the strategy, etiquette and procedures involved in appearing in Masters' and Justices' Chambers at the Courthouse.

### This Bennett Jones Academy substantive series course will focus on:

- How to prepare to make an application to the Court;
- How to present an application;
- How to deal with opposing counsel and the Court in the course of the application;
- Dealing with opposed applications; and
- What happens after the application is over?

## Faculty



### **Chris D. Simard**

Partner, Co-Head of Restructuring and Insolvency

Chris Simard is co-head of the Restructuring and Insolvency practice group. His practice encompasses all areas of restructuring and bankruptcy as well as energy litigation. He acts for creditors, debtors, court-appointed monitors, receivers and trustees in bankruptcy and in large and complex insolvencies and restructurings.

In the area of energy litigation, Chris has advised energy companies on disputes arising out of CAPL, seismic and security agreements and on various matters related to Crown and Freehold leases.

Clients, according to *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business*, see Chris as "fantastically clever, practical, easy to work with and aggressive in court."

Chris frequently writes and speaks on bankruptcy and restructuring issues. He has authored papers for the Canadian Energy Law Foundation, Canadian Institute seminars and Canadian Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Professionals seminars.

# Securities Law Overview

Bennett Jones Substantive Series

**Date: Summer / Fall, 2018**

Lunch: 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
 Course: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## Course Overview

An understanding of fundamental securities law concepts is helpful in all areas of practice. Join us as professionals from the capital markets group provide an overview on concepts, terms, procedures and material documents related to the practice of securities law.

### This Bennett Jones Academy substantive series course will focus on:

- A general introduction to concepts and terms, and how securities law may impact your practice;
- Procedure and key documents when conducting private placements and public offerings;
- Timelines for securities transactions; and
- Non-compliance with securities laws and enforcement by the courts and regulatory bodies.

## Faculty



### **Harinder S. Basra**

Partner

Harinder Basra practises corporate and securities law, with a particular emphasis on advising public and private companies on mergers and acquisitions, securities offerings, corporate governance and general corporate matters.

His practice focuses on advising domestic and international clients on transactions in the upstream oil and natural gas industry. Harinder provides practical legal advice to a diverse group of clients, from start-ups to multinational dual-listed issuers. His clients include public and private entities, private equity funds and investment banks.

Harinder has acted for buyers and sellers on several high profile acquisitions and dispositions in the oil and natural gas industry. His extensive experience in the M&A space includes take-over bids, plans of arrangement and corporate reorganizations. Harinder has also developed an expertise advising issuers and underwriters in a wide variety of corporate finance matters, including domestic and cross-border initial public offerings, secondary offerings and new issues of equity and debt securities. He also routinely advises clients on regulatory compliance and corporate governance matters.

Harinder is a Trustee of the Calgary Zoo and has previously served on the Leadership Giving Cabinet of the United Way. Harinder is also the Chair of the Student Recruitment Committee in Calgary.



### **Tessa E.J. Guenther**

Associate

Tessa Guenther has a general corporate commercial practice, with a focus on corporate finance, commercial transactions, and mergers and acquisitions.

Prior to becoming an associate, Tessa summered and articulated with the firm.

# Drafting Briefs

Bennett Jones Substantive Series

**Date: Summer / Fall, 2018**

Lunch: 11:45 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
 Course: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## Course Overview

A litigator's first opportunity to persuade the judge comes in the form of a written brief that sets out the relevant facts and law applicable to any contested application. Join us as we provide an overview of how to draft effective and persuasive legal briefs, which can help win our clients' cases before ever stepping foot in a Court room.

## This Bennett Jones Academy substantive series course will focus on:

- The Importance of Written Submissions;
- General Rules/Tips for Effective Legal Writing;
- Typical Components of a Written Brief; and
- Partner Pet Peeves/Favourites.

## Faculty



### **Brian P. Reid**

Partner

Brian Reid has a diverse commercial litigation practice with a strong emphasis on construction and energy related disputes. Brian assists international and domestic owners, contractors and engineers with the review and drafting of construction and joint venture contracts and tender documents. He also has extensive experience with builder's lien disputes.

Brian represents major institutional clients in complex multi-party litigation and is involved in domestic and international mediation and arbitration with respect to significant commercial disputes. Brian also appears before administrative tribunals and all levels of courts in Alberta.

In addition to extensive commercial litigation experience, Brian has also worked as in-house legal counsel for a TSX-Listed oil and gas drilling company and a large manufacturing company in the State of Qatar.

Brian is an Executive Committee Member for the National Construction and Infrastructure Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association and volunteers with Calgary Legal Guidance and the Student Legal Assistance Society (Calgary).



### **Ciara J. Mackey**

Associate

Ciara Mackey has a general commercial litigation practice, with a focus on energy and civil fraud litigation. Ciara is regularly involved in disputes relating to fraud recovery, breach of fiduciary duty, defamation, and complex breach of contract claims. Ciara also represents medical professionals sued for malpractice or facing professional disciplinary matters.

Ciara has appeared before all levels of court in Alberta on civil claims and judicial review of administrative tribunal decisions, and has experience in alternative dispute resolution. In addition, Ciara has served as legal counsel to the Court of Appeal of Alberta.

During law school, Ciara was actively involved with the Health Law Institute at the University of Alberta and has published and presented on issues of health law, technology, and policy. In 2011, Ciara was awarded the George Bligh O'Connor Silver Medal in Law from the University of Alberta.

Prior to becoming an associate, Ciara served as a law clerk to the Court of Appeal of Alberta and articulated with the firm.

# Due Diligence

Bennett Jones Substantive Series

**Date: Summer / Fall, 2018**

Lunch: 11:45 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
 Course: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## Course Overview

Due diligence for mergers, acquisitions, securities offerings and joint venture transactions is a critical part of these transactions and articling students and junior associates play an important role in this process. This Bennett Jones substantive session course will discuss basic corporate due diligence and will highlight what to look for and how to present your findings.

## This Bennett Jones Academy substantive series course will focus on:

- What is due diligence and why does it matters to our client?;
- The different types of transactions in which due diligence is conducted;
- What to look for when conducting due diligence;
- How to conduct corporate searches and review minute books and material contracts; and
- How to present findings in a concise form.

## Faculty



### **John Lawless**

Associate

John Lawless has a corporate law practice with a focus on mergers and acquisitions, private equity, corporate finance and securities primarily for clients in the oil and gas, energy services and technology industries.

John has represented buyers and sellers in connection with plans of arrangement, amalgamations, share purchase transactions and asset purchase transactions, including several private equity transactions. John has acted for both issuers and underwriters in connection with prospectus offerings and private placements of equity and debt securities. John also advises issuers on general corporate and securities law matters including corporate governance, continuous disclosure requirements and dealing with stock exchanges and securities commissions.

Before becoming an associate, John summered and articulated with the firm.



### **Bradley M. Eidsness**

Associate

Bradley Eidsness has a general corporate commercial law practice, with a focus on commercial transactions within the energy sector.

Prior to joining Bennett Jones as an associate, Bradley summered and articulated with the firm.

# Tips for Appearing Before Regulatory Tribunals

Bennett Jones Substantive Series

**Date: Summer / Fall, 2018**

Lunch: 11:45 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Course: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## Course Overview

The session provides an overview of the primary boards and tribunals that the Bennett Jones regulatory group appears before. We cover the basic jurisdiction, style (degree of formality) and practice points for each tribunal. We also provide insight and context to what it means to be a regulatory lawyer in the Bennett Jones Regulatory Department in terms of expectations, travel and what our legal life is like.

## This Bennett Jones Academy substantive series course will focus on:

- Role/Jurisdiction of Canadian/Provincial regulators;
- Degree of formality, types of evidence and expectations of each Board/Tribunal;
- Practice tips for, and “war stories” from, each Board/Tribunal; and
- What it’s like to work in the regulatory department.

## Faculty



### *Daron K. Naffin*

Partner

With a practice that is directed towards energy, environmental and regulatory law, municipal planning as well as expropriation and surface rights, Daron Naffin acts for oil and gas companies, municipalities, utilities and landowners.

Clients benefit from his experience with matters involving all aspects of energy facility applications. He is also involved in environmental matters concerned with contaminated sites and Alberta power projects.

Daron appears before the Supreme Court of Canada, all levels of the Alberta courts, the Alberta Energy Regulator (formerly, the Energy Resources Conservation Board), the Environmental Appeals Board, the Surface Rights Board, the Land Compensation Board, the Natural Resources Conservation Board, the BC Surface Rights Board, the National Energy Board and various municipal and expropriation tribunals.

Prior to joining Bennett Jones, Daron developed his practice at a prominent regional law firm. He sat on the Nominations and Selections Committee for the Alberta Emerald Awards for Environmental Excellence and is a regular instructor at the Legal Education Society of Alberta's Bar Admission Course.

Daron is a past president of the Alberta Expropriation Association, is a member of the International Right of Way Association (IRWA), a member of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Landmen (CAPL) and sits on the Disciplinary Hearing Panel Roster for the Real Estate Council of Alberta (RECA).

# Bennett Jones Academy 2018 Sessions for Students

Our Academy Leaders, Craig Kinsman and Annaliisa Sando, and Department Heads have designed the specific Bennett Jones Academy sessions for our summer and articling students that have been detailed in the preceding pages of this program guide. As a firm that is grounded in a "build from the ground up" mentality, we are dedicated to providing our students with the best resources with which to develop a successful and thriving legal career. From introductory substantive courses in Corporate Law and Litigation to professionalism courses on business etiquette, we provide a curriculum that encourages exposure to all of the major areas of law that we practice at Bennett Jones through the practical experiences and war stories of our associates and partners.

In May and June, we also run intensive, week-long summer and articling student boot-camp training sessions for our incoming student classes. Filled with sessions introducing students to our computer systems, library services and research department, these boot-camps are designed to provide our students with the tools they need to ensure a seamless transition from law school to legal practice. Our Academy Leader is here to ensure that you are ready to face your new career with a running start.

## Seminar Locations

All courses will take place in the 45th Floor Boardrooms in Calgary and the MacKinnon or Jones Boardrooms in Edmonton.

### Calgary Office:

4500 Bankers Hall East, 855 - 2nd Street S.W.  
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### Edmonton Office:

3200 Telus House, South Tower, 10020 - 100 Street  
Edmonton AB T5J 0N3

## Academy Leaders



### **Craig M. Kinsman**

Director, Professional Development and Student Programs (Alberta)

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Craig Kinsman is responsible for the professional development of associates and the recruitment and training of law students at Bennett Jones' Calgary and Edmonton offices.

Prior to joining Bennett Jones, Craig was a Mentor in Residence at the University of Calgary's Faculty of Law. He has also been Executive Director of the Alberta Lawyers' Assistance Society and Executive Director of the Canadian Bar Association (Alberta).

While actively practising, Craig was Staff Lawyer (Practice Review) at the Law Society of Alberta, in-house counsel in Yemen for a large, Calgary-based oil and gas company, and an associate at another large Calgary-based law firm.



### **Annaliisa Sando**

Manager, Student Recruitment and Programs (Alberta)

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Annaliisa Sando is the Manager, Student Recruitment and Programs (Alberta). She is responsible for managing the recruitment of Law Students, and the Summer and Articling Student Programs, in Calgary and Edmonton. Annaliisa is actively involved in law school recruitment activities, interviewing students, performance reviews, and mentoring.

Prior to her current role, Annaliisa maintained a general corporate commercial practice for several years at a large Calgary-based law firm, and then at a medium-sized Calgary firm. In her role as an associate lawyer, Annaliisa advised clients on a broad range of matters including corporate organization and restructuring, mergers and acquisitions, new business start-ups, and shareholder disputes. Annaliisa gained in-house legal experience during secondments to a large oil and gas company, as well as a major Canadian airline.





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For more information about our courses, or if you would like to suggest any additional topics, please contact us at your convenience.