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Crystal joined Maurice Law in 2015, following many years of experience practicing law in both the public and private sectors.

Crystal's key areas of practice include corporate/commercial with an emphasis on aboriginal business & economic development, First Nation governance, legislative development, and renewable energy. Crystal has significant experience in corporate governance, energy law, reorganizations, development of corporate structures, investment reviews and sales/purchase transactions. Since 2014, Crystal has been involved in area of renewable energy including advising on large joint ventures for solar, wind and hydro in various provinces including Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Some current work includes representing a First Nation entity in negotiations of large hydroelectric project and utility scale wind project valued at about \$210 million dollars. Crystal has many years expertise in the area of duty to consult/accommodate and has drafted Consultation Protocols and Impact Benefit Agreements securing important economic benefits for the clients

Some key transactions and legal representation include:

- Corporate restructuring of First Nations entity with holdings over 200 million dollars
- Advised First Nations entity in private investment of commercial airline
- Representation of First Nation entity in partnership of utility scale solar development in Ontario
- Representation of First Nations entity in partnership in security services industry in resource industry region of Northern Alberta
- Represented public potash resource developer in successful taxation negotiations successfully resolved
- Represented publishing/media entity in multi-million dollar taxation matter successfully resolved
- Represented various clients (public and private) as purchasers or vendors in sale and purchase of shares or business assets
- Created successful Limited Partnership for First Nation entity and development subsequent partnership agreements
- Created private investment vehicle for large real estate firm operating in Saskatchewan and Alberta
- Represented private entity in divestment of multi-million dollar franchise based in Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba
- Represented private entity in multi-million dollar sale of electrical company to entity in Dubai, UAE

Crystal has contributed her skills as Director to a number of corporate and public boards including:

- Remai Modern Art Gallery, Saskatoon (2019-Current)
- National Aboriginal Capital Corporation Association (NACCA), Nomination Committee, (former)
- First Nations Power Authority- Co-Chair and Vice Chair, Saskatchewan & Alberta, (former)
- Founding Director, Enterprise Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan (former)
- First Nations Bank of Canada, Canada (former)
- Saskatchewan Indian Equity Foundation, Saskatchewan (current)
- SIEF Investments Inc. – Chair, Saskatchewan (current)
- FHQ Development Corporation, Saskatchewan (former)
- Board of Governors of Lakeland College, Alberta (former)

### Education & Professional Memberships

- Law Society of Saskatchewan (2002)
- Law Society of Alberta (2012)
- J.D. (University of British Columbia, 2001)
- B.A. (Honours) Indigenous Studies (University of Saskatchewan, 1995)

### Practice Areas

- Corporate & Economic Development
- Indigenous Governance/Bylaw/Laws
- Duty to Consult/Impact Benefit Agreements

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