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Profile

Saul is of Coast Salish descent and is a member of the Squamish First Nation (Skwxwú7mesh).

His personal and professional experience allows Saul to be intuitive to clients' needs, tailoring his services in order to effectively serve Indigenous communities.

With his legal practice focused on developing and implementing economic development initiatives, Saul helps affirm Aboriginal and treaty rights, support sustainable environmental management, and create comprehensive policy and governance structures.

Services

- > Community-based Aboriginal business ventures (buy/sell, joint ventures, management agreements, partnerships and strategic alliances)
- > Financing arrangements (opinions and transactions for First Nations, individuals and businesses)
- > First Nations land development (leasing, financing and structuring developments)
- > Litigation and negotiation between Aboriginal groups and government bodies
- Consultation and Accommodation (opinions, negotiations, referral response support, drafting C&A policies and agreements)

- > Aboriginal and Treaty Rights (opinions, negotiations and agreements)
- > Impact Benefit Agreements
- > First Nations governance (self-government agreements, land codes, internal governance laws, treaty implementation legislation and regulation, municipal services agreements, tax revenue sharing and taxation regimes)

Prior to law school, Saul earned a Bachelor's Degree in Geography at the University of Victoria, with a specialization in coastal studies. His education and experience assists in negotiating, drafting and implementing agreements that are effective and result in environmentally sustainable outcomes.

With extensive experience in all aspects of Indigenous business, Saul is passionate about protecting and advancing the rights of Indigenous peoples and generating socio-economic opportunities for positive change.

Credentials

Awards & Distinctions

> Best Lawyers® in Canada, Aboriginal Law / Indigenous Practice, 2025

Industry Involvement

- > Canadian Bar Association
- > Law Society of British Columbia
- > Truth and Reconciliation Task Force, Canadian Bar Association

Education & Call to Bar

- > Call to Bar: British Columbia, 2015
- > Juris Doctor, University of Victoria, 2014
- > B.Sc., Geography, University of Victoria, 2011