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### **PROFILE**

Katherine Koostachin is an associate with Willms & Shier Environmental Lawyers LLP. Her practice is in Aboriginal, environmental and natural resources law. Her focus is building Aboriginal economic development initiatives in mining and energy, developing corporate governance policies and tools, including participation agreements/impact benefit agreements and consultation protocols for industry and Aboriginal communities. Part of Katherine's environmental practice involves identifying environmental liability issues on the contamination of reserve and traditional lands that may involve spills and impacts to species at risk. This includes incorporating Traditional Ecological Knowledge into the environmental assessment processes.

Katherine interned with the Aboriginal Litigation Management Group at the Department of Justice, the former Indian Claims Commission, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal, the Department of National Defence Ombudsman's Office, Legal Unit, and the Isleta Pueblo Appellate Court in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Katherine has experience on Aboriginal land claims, both comprehensive and specific.

Katherine is a member of Attawapiskat First Nation, Ontario.

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