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Nigel is an Associate at White Raven Law. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in the History Honours program at the University of British Columbia and a Juris Doctor from the Peter A. Allard School of Law. He was called to the BC Bar in 2020. . In 2021, the Western Journal of Legal Studies published Nigel's article "Kitimahkinawow ekwa Kitimahkisin: Pity and Compassion in Cree Law."He was awarded the awarded the Beverly McLachlin Legal Access Award in 2019 and the Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP Indigenous Entrance Scholarship in 2016. In 2018, Nigel published an article in the *University of Toronto* Faculty of Law Review titled, "Esdii Wal: Gitxsan Law Grounded in Epistemology." Nigel worked as a temporary articled student for the Indigenous Community Legal Clinic, which provides legal advice in the areas of criminal law, family law, and civil law, to marginalized people in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

Nigel belongs to the Gisgahaast clan from the Gitxsan Nation. He is also Mushkegowuck (swampy Cree) from Weenusk First Nation. During his upbringing, he was immersed in song, dance, oral history and law from his communities. Nigel chose to study law to revitalize Indigenous laws which are grounded in oral histories and traditions. Indigenous laws contain rich normative resources that are relevant today and robustly inform the rights and obligations of the contemporary world.

Nigel is a lead dancer for Dancers of Damelahamid, an Indigenous dance company based in Vancouver. He has developed and performed numerous works including; *Spirit Transforming* 2012, *Flicker* 2016, *Talking Past Each Other* 2018, and *Mînowin* 2019. Nigel has toured nationally and internationally as an artist. He has also assisted in organizing the annual *Coastal First Nations Dance Festival*.



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