

Toward a new understanding



Having written my Master's major research paper on the interaction between Aboriginal title and statutory land registration systems, I have had some vicarious exposure to the experiences of Indigenous people with the law. It was an eye-opening experience to learn some of the profound differences in fundamental assumptions regarding governance, law, the land and our role as its inhabitants. I have since been interested in deepening my understanding of how the legal profession can serve Indigenous peoples, with everyone starting from the same place to the greatest extent possible.

I am thrilled that this issue of *LAWPRO Magazine* includes an in-depth discussion of the interaction between Ontario lawyers and their Indigenous clients. From the perspective of *LAWPRO*, it is important that our insureds are aware of relevant legal issues, as well as how to elicit information from their clients that shines a light on their needs and desired outcomes, whether their clients are Indigenous or otherwise. Hopefully, our article on page 5 will contribute to a greater comprehension of how we can best relate to one another.

As the artists who designed the mosaic featured on our cover said, perhaps we truly are entering a time when a new understanding of how we can all live together is upon us. I certainly hope so.

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