

# LIDSTONE & COMPANY

## ANNOUNCEMENT

DON LIDSTONE, Q.C., MANAGING PARTNER OF LIDSTONE & COMPANY, IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE FIRM'S FOUR NEW LAW PARTNERS SARA DUBINSKY, LINDSAY PARCELLS, MARISA CRUICKSHANK AND JAMES YARDLEY. THE LAW FIRM, WITH OFFICES IN VANCOUVER AND CALGARY, ACTS THROUGHOUT CANADA FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND RELATED ENTITIES SUCH AS MUNICIPAL SUBSIDIARIES, LIBRARIES, POLICE BOARDS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATIONS.



**LINDSAY PARCELLS** is the head of our Alberta office and practices municipal law with an interest in land use, real property, corporate, commercial, indigenous relations, mediation and environmental matters. Lindsay has extensive experience advising municipal clients with respect to real estate and economic development, expropriations, the provision of municipal services and contracts. He was called to the Alberta bar in 1992 and the British Columbia bar in 1995. Lindsay completed a Master's degree in Municipal Law from Osgoode Hall Law School in 2009 and a combined Bachelors of Laws and Masters of Business Administration degree from Dalhousie University in 1991. Lindsay is past chair of the National Municipal Law section of the Canadian Bar Association and he continues to serve on the executive of the National Municipal Law Section and the Southern Alberta Municipal Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association.

**MARISA CRUICKSHANK** assists local government clients with a wide range of workplace matters, including preparation and review of employment contracts and policies, sick leave and disability issues, human rights, and labour relations matters, including discipline, grievances and interpretation of collective agreements. Marisa also assists clients with privacy and FOI matters, governance issues, and bylaw enforcement matters. Marisa has represented clients before all levels of court in British Columbia and boards and tribunals, including arbitration boards, the Human Rights Tribunal, the Information and Privacy Commissioner, and the Labour Relations Board. Prior to joining Lidstone & Company, Marisa clerked for two justices at the British Columbia Court of Appeal and articulated at the Vancouver office of a leading national law firm.

**SARA DUBINSKY** has practiced local government law at Lidstone & Company since her call to the bar in 2009. She is a litigation lawyer and provides legal opinions on a wide variety of issues, with a particular emphasis on cannabis law, bylaw enforcement, conflicts of interest and freedom of information. Sara has provided legal advice and information on cannabis issues to more than 60 local governments and agencies in British Columbia and she is counsel of record in over a dozen cannabis cases. Sara represents clients at the BC Court of Appeal, Supreme Court and Provincial Court and in matters involving the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner and Ombudsperson. Sara is a member of the firm's student hiring committee and regularly volunteers as a supervising lawyer at clinics run by UBC's Law Students' Legal Advice Program.

**JAMES YARDLEY'S** practice mainly involves litigation and dispute resolution. James has practiced law involving local governments since his call to the Bar in 1991. He was born and raised in Prince George, has a law degree from the University of Toronto and a master's degree in Community and Regional Planning from UBC. James has appeared in numerous trials, appeals, petitions, mediations and arbitrations on matters that involve administrative law, judicial review, construction disputes, planning law, expropriation and injurious affection claims, bylaw challenges, bylaw enforcement, constitutional law, claims alleging misfeasance in public office and bad faith, environmental law disputes and prosecutions, contract disputes, insurance coverage disputes, election challenges, human rights complaints, property taxation disputes, and claims involving police forces.