



Biography: Chief Paul Prosper, Paqtnkek First Nation

Paul Prosper is Senior Associate of Mi'kma'ki All Points Services (MAPS) with a portfolio in the Management of Project Services and Strategic Development. A Mi'kmaq Lawyer from the Paqtnkek First Nation in Nova Scotia, Paul has extensive experience in Aboriginal legal issues from a research, governance and negotiation perspective. Paul has worked in various capacities such as: Research Director with The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq, Co-Manager of the Nova Scotia Aboriginal Title Project, Program Manager of the Mi'kmaq Legal Support Network, Negotiations Preparedness Initiative Coordinator with the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI, Legal Advisor for the Treaty & Aboriginal Rights Research Centre of Nova Scotia and currently teaches Mi'kmaq Governance and Aboriginal and Treaty Rights for Cape Breton University.

Paul has 20 years of work experience involving such areas as: project management, historical / environmental and First Nations Oral history research, First Nation land use and occupation studies, First Nation agreements, corporate and First Nation governance, citizenship, Nationhood, justice, community development, legal research, negotiations and consultation. A Mi'kmaq Lawyer and Chief of the Paqtnkek First Nation in Nova Scotia since 2013, Paul has extensive experience He has served on several boards and committees and has conducted numerous presentations in academic, government and First Nation institutional settings on a variety of topics.

He has collaborated with many Aboriginal organizations, government departments and third party interest groups on numerous projects. Paul views his personal skill sets in the development of constructive relationships that "bridge the gap" between Aboriginal, corporate and government objectives