

# Establishing the Anishinabek Education System

## Tracey O'Donnell

As part of the Curve Lake Speaker Series

**Wednesday July 29th, 2015**

Dinner: 5:00 PM

Community Session: 6:00PM

At the Curve Lake Community Centre



Tracey O'Donnell is a member of the Red Rock Indian Band located south and east of Thunder Bay, Ontario. She has practiced law in Ontario for over 20 years. Her practice is focused entirely on providing legal services to First Nations, their members and their organizations – both on- and off-reserve. Tracey has worked with First Nations across Canada to support community and capacity development including facilitating the drafting of First Nation constitutions, visioning and strategic planning, drafting First Nation laws, developing community consultation and communications plans and resolving resource and revenue sharing disagreements. She argued on behalf of the Native Women's Association of Canada and LEAF at the Supreme Court of Canada in the first Indian residential school case that reached the Supreme Court of Canada - Blackwater v. Plint. Tracey was an elected Bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada from 2003 to 2007 – the first aboriginal woman elected since the Law Society was founded in 1797. Tracey has volunteered on a variety of community-based committees and Boards of Directors and is currently a member of the faculty team for the Indigenous Leadership and Management program at The Banff Centre in Alberta. Tracey earned her Honours B.A. in Political Science from Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ontario in 1990, and her L.L.B./J.D. from Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, Ontario in 1993. Tracey is the proud mother of two daughters and one son.

The catered dinner will start at 5:00 PM for those who attend.

**Limited to 75 seats.** For more information on the Speaker Series, please contact Nathaniel Cummings at 705-657-8045 or email [NathanielC@curvelake.ca](mailto:NathanielC@curvelake.ca)