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Roger J. Augustine, a MicMac, has been Chief of the Eel Ground First Nation of New Brunswick since 1980; he served as president of the Union of New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island First Nations from 1988 to January 1994. Chief Augustine is active in promoting economic development among First Nations peoples, and is chairman of the Aboriginal Business Circle, and founder and chairman of the Micmac Maliseet Development Corporation and the Eagle Board Trust. He has been honoured for his efforts in founding and fostering the Eel Ground Drug and Alcohol Education Centre, as well as the Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Rehabilitation Association.



Daniel J. Bellegarde is an Assiniboine/Cree from the Little Black Bear First Nation situated in Southern Saskatchewan. From 1982 to 1984, Mr. Bellegarde worked with the Meadow Lake District Chiefs Joint Venture as a socio-economic planner. From 1984 to 1987, he was president of the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies. Since 1988 he has held the position of first vice-chief of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations. On March 17, 1994, he was appointed Co-Chair of the Indian Claims Commission.



Carole T. Corcoran is a Dene from the Fort Nelson Indian Band in northern British Columbia. Mrs. Corcoran is a lawyer with extensive experience in Aboriginal government and politics at the local, regional and provincial levels. She served as a Commissioner on the Royal Commission on Canada's Future in 1990/91. She was appointed as a Commissioner to the Indian Claims Commission in July 1992, as a Commissioner to the British Columbia Treaty Commission in April 1993, and to the Board of Governors of the University of Northern British Columbia in November 1993.

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Aurélien Gill, a Montagnais of Mashteuiatsh (Pointe-Bleue), Quebec, graduated from Université Laval with a degree in education. A teacher, he served as the founding president of the Conseil Atikamekw et Montagnais before becoming Chief of the Mashteuiatsh (Pointe-Bleue) Montagnais community. He helped found the Institut culturel et éducatif Montagnais, the Corporation de Développement Économique Montagnaise, and the National Indian Brotherhood (today the AFN), among other associations. Mr. Gill also held positions within the federal government, including Director General, Quebec Region, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. In 1991, he was named to the Ordre national du Québec.



P.E. James Prentice, QC, is a lawyer with the Calgary firm of Rooney Prentice. He has an extensive background in land matters, including his work as legal counsel and negotiator for the Province of Alberta in the tripartite negotiations that resulted in the Sturgeon Lake Indian Claim Settlement of 1989. He also has experience in the administrative law field, having served as legal counsel on many land acquisition, expropriation, arbitration, and valuation matters in Alberta since 1981. From 1985 to 1992, Mr. Prentice chaired a quasi-judicial tribunal in Alberta. On March 17, 1994, he was named Co-Chair of the Indian Claims Commission.