

**Dr. Beverly Jacobs (ZC Hamilton)**

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Dr. Beverly Jacobs has made remarkable strides in advocating for Indigenous peoples, especially Indigenous women in Canada. She earned a Bachelors of Law from University of Windsor (1994), a Masters of Law in International Law from the University of Saskatchewan (2000) and while completing her Masters of Law degree, she launched Bear Clan Consulting in Ohsweken, where she grew up. She was called to the bar in Ontario in 2003 and transposed her consulting business into her law practice. In August, 2018, she completed a PhD in Indigenous law, health and research methodologies at the University of Calgary. Dr. Jacobs assisted in researching and writing Amnesty International's groundbreaking report, Stolen Sisters, on missing and murdered Aboriginal women in Canada (2004) and spent two terms as elected President of the Native Women's Association of Canada (2004-09). Dr. Jacobs is the recipient of numerous awards, notably, member of the Order of Canada (2018), the Franco-German Prize for Human Rights and the Rule of Law (2016), the Circle of Honour Esquao Award from the Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women in Edmonton (2010) and the Governor General's Award in commemoration of the Person's Case (2008). She practises law part-time from her office on the Six Nations Grand River Territory, and in July 2017, she returned to the University of Windsor, Faculty of Law as an Assistant Professor.

Beverly Jacobs lives and practises law at her home community of Six Nations of the Grand River Territory in Southern Ontario. She is currently in the last stages of completing an interdisciplinary PhD at the University of Calgary that includes Law (Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Indigenous Legal Traditions), Indigenous Wholistic Health, and Indigenous Research Methodologies. Beverly is an alumna of the University of Windsor (LLB 1994). She also obtained a Master of Law Degree from the University of Saskatchewan (2000).

Professor Jacobs is also a consultant, researcher, writer, and public speaker. She is a former elected President of the Native Women's Association of Canada (2004 to 2009). Beverly's passion is about peacefulness and safety of Indigenous peoples. For the past 20 or so years, much of her work has focussed on anti-violence work and restoring Indigenous traditions, values, beliefs, and laws. She continues to advocate for families of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls and public education about the history and impacts of colonization, which has resulted in the historic traumas that are occurring to Indigenous peoples, specifically Indigenous women and girls, today.

Beverly is mother of Ashley and grandmother of Nicholas (16), Tessa (14), Bryson (9) and Kenna (7). She is partner to Patrick Sandy, Mohawk Nation, Turtle Clan.