

# MCMILLAN LLP AND CANADIAN LAWYERS ABROAD TEAM UP TO HOST ABORIGINAL YOUTH AND LAWYERS IN DAY OF EDUCATION AND INSPIRATION

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On Monday, March 23, McMillan will welcome First Nations School students at their Toronto office as part of the national firm's involvement in the Canadian Lawyers Abroad / Avocats canadiens à l'étranger (CLA-ACE)'s Dare to Dream program.

Students from Grade 7 and 8, will spend the day learning about the firm's operations, different departments and roles, and several of McMillan's practice areas. Students will get a glimpse into what it's like to be a corporate lawyer while gaining exposure to a variety of other careers within the legal field. A group of volunteers, including lawyers and non-lawyers, will walk students through the different career paths to achieving such aspirations.

Students will also have the opportunity to hear firsthand the experiences of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal lawyers and law students.

The day won't be all business. Fun activities have also been planned, which include an *Amazing Race* themed scavenger hunt, firm tour, and a pizza lunch. "We are excited to host this event again with Canadian Lawyers Abroad," says [Nisha Rider](#), National Director of Human Resources at McMillan. "We hope each participant will walk away from the day's activities with the belief that education and hard work are key to their personal achievements and success - no matter their career choice."

To round off the day, special guest Emily Whetung MacInnes of Lockington Lawless Fitzpatrick LLP will be speaking to the group. Emily is an Aboriginal lawyer from Curve Lake First Nation who will be sharing her personal experiences with the students.

McMillan is a proud sponsor and supporter of Dare to Dream, a program that brings together Aboriginal youth, ages 11-14, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal lawyers and law students who throughout the year take part in justice education and mentoring activities.



The program's focus is to inspire and support Aboriginal youth to reach their potential – student-by-student – by providing them with mentorship and introducing them to law and law-related careers. Dare to Dream also provides Aboriginal law students with access to opportunities that give them the legal and business skills they need to succeed and to help their communities prosper.