

# SPIRIT BEAR, Bearrister

## Mem-bear of Carrier Sekani Tribal Council

### EDUCATION

**2017** Honourary Bearrister degree from Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto, Ontario

### HONOURS AND MEM-BEARSHIPS

**2018** Mem-bear of the Common Law and Civil Law Honour Societies at the University of Ottawa in Ottawa, Ontario

**2017** Honourary Bear Member of the Indigenous Bar Association

**2017** Mem-bear of the Assembly of First Nations Youth Council

**2017** Mem-bear of the Rotaract Club of Ottawa



Me and my bearrister certificate

### WORK

**2017 to present** Sup-bearvisor of the Reconciliation Ambearssadors Program

**2007 to present** Bearrister for the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal case on inequitable funding for First Nations child welfare

**2018** Bear Host of the Teddy Bear Tea Party in Ottawa, Ontario and Edmonton, Alberta

**2018** Bear Host of the Bear Witness Day birthday celebrations at Senate in Ottawa, Ontario

**2015** Bear Gardener at the first Honouring Memories, Planting Dreams at Rideau Hall in Ottawa, Ontario



Me with the Truth and Reconciliation Commissioners The Honourable Murray Sinclair, Marie Wilson and Chief Wilton Littlechild

### BEARING WITNESS

**2018** Honourary Bear Witness at the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Toronto, Ontario

**2017** Invited to the ceremony announcing Sébastien Grammond as a Judge of the Federal Court in Ottawa, Ontario

**2017** Invited to the Ontario Bar Association Annual Awards Gala when my amazing lawyers Anne Levesque, Sarah Clarke, David Taylor and Sébastien Grammond won the Ontario Bar Association President's Award!



- 2017 Honourary Bear Witness at the Matson and Andrews case at the Supreme Court of Canada in Ottawa, Ontario
- 2015 Honourary Bear Witness at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Closing Ceremonies and Report Release in Ottawa, Ontario.
- 2013-2014 Honourary Bear Witness at the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal on First Nations Child Welfare in Ottawa, Ontario
- 2013 Honourary Bear Witness at the Phoenix Sinclair Inquiry in Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 2013 Honourary Bear Witness at the Federal Court of Appeal in Ottawa, Ontario
- 2012 Honourary Bear Witness at the Federal Court in Ottawa, Ontario
- 2012 Honourary Bear Witness at Moore v. British Columbia at the Supreme Court of Canada in Ottawa, Ontario

## BOOKS AND MOVIES

- 2018 Bear-creator of Spirit Bear and Children Make History Learning Guide
- 2017 Bear-author of Spirit Bear and Children Make History
- 2017 Bear-creator (and model!) of Spirit Bear's Guide to Reconciliation Calendar 2018
- 2017 Bear-creator of the Spirit Bear Plan
- 2016 Bear actor in We Can't Make the Same Mistakes Twice directed by Alanis Obomsawin



me, helping plant a Heart Garden

## MEDIA

- 2018 APTN: Cindy Blackstock's Spirit Bear book written to explain human rights to youngsters.
- 2017 CTV Power Play: Day of action for Indigenous children
- 2017 CTV: Meet "Spirit Bear": A symbol of Indigenous reconciliation
- 2017 CBC Indigenous: Indigenous child welfare rates creating "humanitarian crisis" in Canada
- 2017 CBC Indigenous: Bear Witness Day brings awareness to Jordan's Principle

## HOBBIES

I love to bake cookies, and go huckleberry picking and fishing!



some of the cookies I baked