

**Oluwadamilola Asuni** is a Nigerian Lawyer. He obtained his LLB degree from Obafemi Awolowo University, Ife, in 2012. He graduated from the Nigeria Law School and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 2014. Oluwadamilola then joined the law firm of M. A. Banire & Associates, where he was actively involved in legal practice relating to commercial law as well as general civil & criminal litigation. He is particularly interested in the relationship between Oil & Gas business and human rights. Oluwadamilola's thesis will examine the existing soft laws and the role of stakeholders –government and oil corporations- in ensuring compliance with human rights in the cause of business in the oil & gas industry, with the Nigerian and Canadian system as a case study. He is under the supervision of **Professor Robin Hansen**.



**Michael Dunn** holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Philosophy from the University of Prince Edward Island, and a Juris Doctor from the University of New Brunswick. Michael then worked for the federal government as a political staffer before articling with Legal Aid Manitoba in Thompson Manitoba. His thesis is on the Honour of the Crown as a distinct underlying constitutional principle that governs all aspects of Crown-Indigenous Relations in Canada. His thesis supervisor is **Professor Dwight Newman**.

**Andrew Dusevic** obtained a Bachelor of Applied Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of British Columbia in 2014, where he focused on biological engineering and downstream petroleum refinement. Upon graduation Andrew attended the University of Saskatchewan, College of Law where he completed his Juris Doctorate in 2017. It is this passion for applied science and law that has inspired him to pursue his LLM under the supervision of Distinguished **Professor Dwight Newman** in the regulation of Small Modular Nuclear Reactors.



**NNAEMEKA EZEANI** is a lawyer from Nigeria who has a special interest in the rights of Indigenous people, International law, and fundamental rights protection. He graduated as the *Best Graduating Law Student* from the University of Nigeria in 2013. He proceeded to the Nigerian Law School and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 2014. Nnaemeka worked as an Associate in Rickey Tarfa and Co. (Legal Practitioners and Notaries Public) 2014-2017. He was part of a team that handled many litigation cases, including those dealing with the rights of Indigenous people in Nigeria, and coordinated pro bono cases that dealt with fundamental rights protection. He was named most outstanding Associate of 2015. Currently, Nnaemeka works a Graduate Research Assistant at the University of Saskatchewan under Dr. Dwight Newman (Professor, Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Rights in Constitutional and International Law). He enjoys learning, public speaking, teaching, and writing. His thesis seeks to ascertain the appropriate legal principle for the determination of compensation upon infringement of Aboriginal title in Canada. Nnaemeka's supervisor is **Professor Dwight Newman**.

**Florence Ifediba (Iphie)** is a graduate of Igbinedion University, Okada-Nigeria where she obtained her LLB. She is a lawyer called to the Nigerian Bar. Before joining the LLM program at the University of Saskatchewan, she worked as an Executive Associate with *Alliance Law Firm*, Lagos-Nigeria. Florence's LLM thesis will be focused on legal issues related to the siting in of small modular reactors (SMRs). Florence will complete her thesis under the supervision of **Professor Dwight Newman**.







**Gideon Odionu** graduated from the University of Jos, Nigeria in 2011 and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 2012. He has gained practical experience in litigation, dispute resolution, corporate and commercial law, and legal research. His thesis proposal examines the adequacy and effectiveness of the efforts made by the Nigerian government towards combating climate change and its impacts. It seeks to analyze the lessons Nigeria can learn from the Canadian environmental law regime in order to mitigate the climatic and environmental impact of gas flaring in Nigeria. It is premised on a comparative assessment of Nigerian laws with Canadian laws so as to elucidate and fill in the gaps in the Nigerian laws. Gideon will be supervised by **Professor Ibronke Odumosu-Ayanu**.

**Tamara (Baldhead) Pearl** is a Nēhiyaw woman from One Arrow First Nation, Saskatchewan in Treaty 6 territory. She is a proud mother of an 8 year old daughter, Coty Padma. Growing up in the core neighborhoods of Saskatoon with strong ties with her family on reserve, Tamara has volunteered and worked in community engagement her whole life in various capacities. Tamara has a BA in Anthropology and a JD from the College of Law, University of Saskatchewan. She has worked as the Executive Assistant for Commissioner Marilyn Poitras with the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Her LLM thesis focuses on the Indigenous sovereignty initiatives that have negotiated the *Indian Act*. Tamara will analyze various decision making, dispute resolution methods, and cultural competency materials that have been utilized and thereby can be expanded on in academic environments. Tamara will be supervised by **Professor Larry Chartrand**.



**Hilary J. Peterson** completed her Juris Doctor degree with the University of Saskatchewan in 2017. She is a proud Saskatchewan native, both born and raised in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Hilary is an Alumni of the Usask Women's Track and Field team, competing in hurdles, relays and sprints. During the 2012-2013 season, she was a member of both the Huskie Athletics All-Academic Team and the Canadian Interuniversity Sport Academic All-Canadian Team for her excellence in academics and athletics. Hilary spent the last two summers in Ontario as a summer law student under the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General, gaining experience in both civil and criminal law. Her thesis topic will be supervised by **Professor Glen Luther** and will focus on criminal sentencing and the considerations that are required when an Indigenous person is sentenced. In her free time Hilary enjoys running through the beautiful scenery of the Usask campus and spending time with her family.

**Frankie Young** is a lawyer in Saskatoon who practices in the area of indigenous settlement trusts, business law and corporate matters. She has an undergraduate degree in Organizational Management and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Saskatchewan. Frankie's LLM thesis will explore how indigenous settlement trusts should be treated at law. Frankie will be supervised by **Professor Tamara Larre**.



**Benjamin Omoruyi** – Benjamin is a special case Ph.D. student of the College of Law. He completed his Master of Laws degree program in 2013 and has been a sessional lecturer at the College of Law since Fall 2014 where he teaches international law. He was called to the Nigerian Bar in 2008 and the Saskatchewan Bar in 2016. He practices law with *Aboriginal Law Group* in the area of indigenous, family, civil, and estates law. He also represents claimants in the Independent Assessment Process established pursuant to the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement (IRSSA). Benjamin's research interest is in the area of international human rights, indigenous rights and resource development. His thesis seeks to balance indigenous land rights with responsible and sustainable resource development in the context of large-scale multi-national economic development projects, using Canada, Australia and Nigeria as case studies. He is supervised by **Professor Dwight Newman**.