

# Evguenia Iskra

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## Summary of Qualifications

- Teaching, tutoring, mentoring, exemplary communication, and interpersonal skills
- Critical thinker, personable, diligent, self-directed, courteous, collaborative, ethical
- Research, analytical, and computer skills
- Translation/interpretation/language skills: English (fluent), French (fluent), Russian (fluent), Spanish (fluent), German (beginner)

## Education

- **Master of Laws in International Legal Studies (LL.M.)** Sep. 2015  
University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
- **Juris Doctor** Jun. 2013  
University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada
- **Bachelor of Arts: International Relations, Spanish (Graduated with Distinction)** Jun. 2009  
University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada
- **DELE Spanish Proficiency Diploma-Superior Level** Jun. 2009  
Cervantes Institute, Spanish Ministry of Education, Madrid, Spain
- **Diplomacy and International Affairs Studies** Aug. 2008  
The Washington Centre, Washington D.C., USA
- **Exchange Program, International Relations** Jun. 2007  
Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Seville, Spain
- **Exchange program, Spanish Language Studies** Jul. 2006  
Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mazatlán, Mexico
- **Exchange program, Spanish Language Studies** Aug. 2005  
Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico

## Work Experience

### Instructor & Course Coordinator

July 2021-present

University of Calgary (Calgary, Canada)

- Teaching and coordinating SGMA 395 business law courses
- Conducting research

### Assistant Professor

Jul. 2017 – Jun. 2021

MacEwan University (Edmonton, Canada)

- Teaching introductory and advanced business law courses
- Undertaking multidisciplinary research and writing projects
- Developing new courses and mentoring sessional instructors and students
- Program leader for introductory business law and commercial transactions courses with responsibility for curriculum and instructional resources

### Visiting Professor

Jul. 2018

Universidad del Valle de Atemajac (Colima, Mexico)

- **Instructing an intensive international business course in Spanish and English**

### Sessional Instructor

Jan. 2017 - Apr.2017

MacEwan University (Edmonton, Canada)

- **Instructing business law course**

### Lawyer

Feb. 2016 - May 2017

MLT Aikins LLP (formerly MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP) (Edmonton, Canada)

- Drafting and negotiating commercial, employment and settlement contracts
- Analyzing client issues, developing case strategies and advising clients on business and legal matters
- Preserving relationships through interest-based negotiation
- Trained in conflict resolution, mediation and advanced negotiation techniques
- Supervising administrative staff and law students
- Representing and advocating on behalf of clients in Provincial Docket Court and Court of Queen's Bench
- Researching case law, draft legislation, Hansard, government policies and news to advise clients of future trends and opportunities

<b><u>Lawyer</u></b>	<b>Jul. 2015-Feb. 2016</b>
Wise Scheible Barkauskas LLP. (Calgary, Canada)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advising clients on matrimonial matters</li> <li>• Negotiating settlement agreements</li> <li>• Researching case law and preparing legal memoranda and briefs</li> </ul>	
<b><u>Lawyer/Student-at-Law/Law Student</u></b>	<b>May 2011-Sep. 2014</b>
MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP (Calgary, Canada)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducting research and drafting legal and business memos and briefs</li> <li>• Analyzing and researching case law and government policies</li> <li>• Drafting and revising contracts and settlement agreements</li> </ul>	
<b><u>Administrative Officer</u></b>	<b>Jan.2010-Sep. 2010</b>
Canadian Security Intelligence Service (Calgary, Canada)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring budget and managing inventory</li> <li>• Administering fleet records, maintenance, acquisitions, etc.</li> <li>• Directly assisting the district chief</li> </ul>	
<b><u>In-School Settlement Worker</u></b>	<b>Jul. 2009-Dec. 2009</b>
Calgary Bridge Foundation for Youth (Calgary, Canada)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing information, orientation, community referrals, and resources to immigrant families in schools and area</li> <li>• Liaising with community and partner institutions</li> <li>• Preparing and presenting seminars on settlement issues</li> </ul>	
<b><u>Interpreter</u></b>	<b>Aug. 2008-Sep. 2011</b>
Calgary Catholic Separate School District & Calgary Board of Education (Calgary, Canada)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interpreting to/from Spanish, French, Russian, English</li> <li>• Answering client concerns and completing forms</li> <li>• Demonstrating cultural sensitivity</li> </ul>	
<b><u>Russian News Service Intern</u></b>	<b>May-Aug. 2008</b>
Voice of America (Washington D.C, USA)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Translating and writing reports, compiling footage, editing material</li> <li>• Conducting interviews, assisting in filming, dubbing material</li> </ul>	

## **Publications & Presentations**

- Iskra, Evguenia, Nicholson, Mary Jo, *Legal Aspects of International Business: a Canadian Perspective*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. 2020 (Toronto: Emond Publishing)
- Iskra, Evguenia, Taleb, Ali, *Facebook: a business model under attack, Ivey Publishing Case Study with Teaching Note* (2020) (Peer Reviewed)
- Long, R., and St. Laurent, R, *Commercial Transactions Course Notes. Edmonton, AB: MacEwan University.* (revised and edited 2017)
- "Builders' Lien Act Basics" presented at BOMA Edmonton, June 2016
- "Dismissal Upheld for Moonlighting Employee: Pocket Dialed Phone Call Evidence Carries the Day" (collaboration with Leanne Hosfield-Harding) MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP, Labor and Employment Insights, April 2016
- "Family Law Basics" presented at Immigrant Services Calgary, January 2016
- *International Criminal Court and the Mexican War on Drugs-a Question of Jurisdiction*, LLM Thesis, University of Vienna, September 2015
- "Контроль над ситуацией на Северном Кавказе-это мираж" ("Control over the situation in the North Caucuses-is an illusion") article, Voice of America News, August 2008
- "Чем связаны Москва, Вашингтон, Эдинбург и Ванкувер?" (How are Moscow, Washington, Edinburgh, and Vancouver connected?) article, Voice of America News, August 2008
- "Холодная война продолжает оставаться горячей темой" ("Cold War remains a hot topic") article, Voice of America News, July 2008

## **Community Leadership, Memberships, & Service**

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| • Law Society of Alberta-Mentor  | Jul.2021-present  |
| • MacEwan University School of Business International Business Major Review Committee Member | Aug. 2020-present |
| • MacEwan University School of Business Council Member and Hiring Committee Member           | Sep. 2018-present |

- MacEwan University School of Business Student Misconduct Adjudicator Sep. 2018-present
- Edmonton Community Legal Center Volunteer Lawyer Jul. 2017-present
- MacEwan University School of Business Allard Chair Selection Committee Member Jan. 2018-Apr. 2019
- Member of Canadian Academy of Legal Studies in Business Apr.2017-present
- Queen's Bench Amicus Program and Civil Claims Duty Counsel Program volunteer lawyer Feb.2016-May 2017
- Canadian Bar Association Law Day-Committee Member Aug. 2015-Feb. 2016
- Director on the Board of Directors of Association of Women Lawyers Nov. 2013 - Sep. 2014 & Nov. 2015-Feb. 2016
- Member of the Law Society of Alberta Jun.2014-present
- Vice-president-University of Calgary Pro-Bono-Immigration Project Jan. 2012-Apr.2013
- University of Calgary Law School Academic Selection Committee member Sep.2011-Apr. 2012
- Student Legal Assistance Volunteer Sep. 2010-Jan. 2011
- Center for International Students volunteer Sep. 2007 - May 2009 & Sep. 2011-Jun. 2012
- President & Founder-University of Calgary Peace Club Sep.2008-Sep.2009
- Member at large on the board of directors of Consortium for Peace Studies Sep.2008-Sep. 2009

### Academic Honours & Awards

- University of Vienna Full Scholarship Sep. 2014
- Alberta Law Foundation Bursary Aug. 2012
- A.W.R. Carrothers Memorial Bursary in Law Sep. 2010
- International Studentship Award Jan. 2006 - 2008
- Dean's List Apr. 2008 - 2009
- University of Calgary Undergraduate Merit Award Nov. 2008
- University of Calgary Admission Scholarship Aug. 2005

### Interests and Hobbies

- Travelling, volunteering, Latin dancing, yoga