

THE FRONT

VAL NAPOLEON

Kokum (Grandmother) Trickster Raven in the Law Library, from the *Kokum Raven* series, watercolour painting, 14 inches by 20 inches, 2016

Artist Statement

INDIGENOUS LAW IS IN the world and there are many ways to learn about it, teach it, and to represent it. The way I have chosen here is with the raven – a trickster for some Indigenous peoples. She can teach us by being a troublemaker and by upsetting the logjams of unquestioned assumptions. She can also teach us with love, patience, and a wicked sense of humour. She can create spaces for conversations and questions – that is her job as a trickster and a feminist so that nothing is taken for granted and all interpretations are laid bare.