

# THE FRONT

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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*

**I**NDIGENOUS 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.