



## KINGSTON COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF DOMINIC NAIMOOL AS GENERAL COUNSEL

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The Kingston Community Credit Union (KCCU) is thrilled to announce the appointment of Dominic Naimool as General Counsel, effective June 22, 2024. Dominic represents a new generation of digitally empowered developer lawyers, uniquely equipped to address the ever-evolving technical landscape of cooperative finance and Canadian finance more broadly.

Dominic's journey with KCCU began five years ago when he was initially hired to design data architecture to enable the automation of financial and business intelligence reporting. His extensive and diverse background includes scientific research at esteemed institutions such as the University of Toronto and Yale School of Medicine, as well as culinary experience as a chef in a European gastropub in the London area. Dominic's legal education was completed at the University of Windsor, followed by the Law Practice Program (LPP) at Toronto Metropolitan University. He trained under renowned credit union counsel Penny Lynn Rintoul and Geoff Cauchi.

"I was motivated to practice law because I saw that the legal field often emphasizes gigantism—catering to huge corporations, vast interests, and powerful players," said Dominic. "I wanted to offer a service that would be accessible to the needs of everyday people, who are so often deprived of a voice. Everyday people who want to have some control over their finances, who want to leave something for their children, and who strive to make their lives better than those of their parents and better than they were yesterday. This drive to support and empower the average person fuels my dedication to my legal practice and aligns perfectly with the mission of the Kingston Community Credit Union."

Dominic prides himself on advocating for the cooperative movement as a whole, not just working as their lawyer. "In a world heading rapidly toward wealth concentration, it is extremely exciting to be part of a movement whose objective is the democratization of finance," he added.

"I am deeply honoured to have Dominic on our credit union team. Dominic's unique combination of legal expertise and co-operative commitment is bringing KCCU's professional capacity for 21st century banking services to a new level. He will strengthen us in fulfilling our purpose to sustain our member's financial wellbeing and to build welfare in our community." Said Jon Dessau, CEO of Kingston Community Credit Union.

As General Counsel, Dominic's main responsibilities include ensuring legal compliance, managing legal risks, drafting and negotiating contracts, advising on corporate governance, handling disputes and litigation, and supporting member relations. He will also play a crucial role in policy development, training and education, intellectual property management, and promoting ethical behavior and compliance within the organization.




"I chose to join the Kingston Community Credit Union because I was interested in working with a community-rooted, innovative, and passionate institution," said Dominic. "My goal in my new role is to help prepare KCCU for the future of Canadian finance. As we enter into the new digital and regulatory environment brought about by open banking and real-time rail, we need to run a tight, agile, and future-focused ship."

Dominic is also looking forward to engaging with the Kingston community through local boards, access to justice initiatives, and the credit union's existing community engagement activities. "One of my long-term goals in the credit union sector is to bring awareness to the fact that cooperative finance is a secure, democratic, and socially beneficial alternative to traditional banking," he stated.

The Kingston Community Credit Union is excited to welcome Dominic Naimool to the team and looks forward to his contributions to the credit union's mission and the broader cooperative movement.

### **About Kingston Community Credit Union:**

KCCU, a member-owned, democratically operated financial co-operative is open to those who work or reside in the greater Kingston area, KCCU strongly believes in building co-operative relationships with their members and community. For over 65 years, KCCU has made a positive impact on our local community with charitable giving, volunteerism, and financial education. They have a proud tradition of co-operative business ethics and continue to demonstrate their values: Co-operation, Integrity, Community, Sharing, Financial Strength, Education, and Respect for All. As part of the credit union philosophy of People Helping People, KCCU is committed to building, strengthening, and enhancing the lives of those in our community.

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