



## *VICE PRESIDENT, GOVERNANCE*

Our client, Meridian Credit Union ("Meridian"), Ontario's leading and largest Credit Union, is seeking a **Vice President, Governance**. Reporting directly to the Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary ("CLO") and a critical member of the legal team, this is an exceptional senior leadership opportunity for an authentic, nimble, strategic, very proactive and values driven professional. Located at Meridian's Toronto corporate office, the Vice President, Governance is a key leadership role responsible for providing strategic corporate secretarial support and expert governance counsel to the CLO, Executive Leadership Team and the Board of Directors.

The Vice President, Governance role is a compelling leadership role for a highly collaborative, results-oriented and strategic thought leader. The successful candidate will ensure the integrity of the corporate governance framework and play a key role in supporting Meridian's ongoing, sustainable growth, working seamlessly with the CLO, Executive Team and the Board as a valued partner to further Meridian's business objectives. The successful candidate must have the agility to work successfully in a sophisticated business during a time of growth and transformation. The Vice President, Governance will also have an opportunity to take on a senior leadership role within a new bank subsidiary that is in the process of being established by Meridian.

Proactive and forward-thinking, he/she will act as a primary governance advisor to the CLO with respect to the quality, relevance and timeliness of meeting administration and management reporting, as well as overall effective corporate governance while providing leadership and direction to one or more direct reports. He/she will possess 8-10+ years of business and governance leadership experience ideally acquired within a fast-paced, growth oriented, lean organization. Experience acting as a corporate secretary, or fulfilling corporate secretary duties, at a financial institution or other regulated entity in Canada would be an asset, as would be a law degree from an accredited Canadian law school.

Critical to success in this role will be the ability of the Vice President, Governance to understand his/her role as a valued partner and enabler in the growth of the organization. Culturally savvy and with the highest morals and integrity, the ideal candidate will be skilled at managing and navigating complexity, while building trusted and collaborative relationships with key stakeholders. He/she will inspire others with his/her "can-do" attitude, authenticity and credibility, passion for the organization and commitment to achieving Meridian's business objectives. Highly strategic, committed, accountable and innovative, the incoming Vice President, Governance will possess exceptional writing and speaking skills as well as the ability to drive seamless execution within a complex, multi-stakeholder environment.

**If you are interested in exploring this dynamic leadership opportunity, please provide a detailed cover letter and a copy of your resume to Lisa Heidman LL.B., ICD.D, Senior Client Partner at The Bedford Consulting Group directly at [lheidman@bedfordgroup.com](mailto:lheidman@bedfordgroup.com). A detailed position profile including executive competencies will be provided to all qualified candidates under consideration.**