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Overview

Alan Fedman is a member of Dentons' Public Law practice and is the former head of the Firm's Native American Law and Policy practice. He is the former director of enforcement of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC).

Alan represents tribes on NIGC regulatory compliance matters and serves as counsel to a number of tribal gaming commissions. He is well versed in the legal issues involved in NIGC investigations and compliance audits and has substantial experience in handling NIGC administrative appeals. He also represents Indian tribes in matters before the US Department of the Interior.

While serving at the NIGC, Alan directed a national field staff regulating 400 Indian gaming operations responsible for protecting the financial integrity of tribal gaming operations and keeping Indian gaming free from criminal influence. In this capacity, he worked closely with the federal agencies responsible for the oversight of Indian gaming. Alan has recently been involved in a number of tribal-state compact negotiations, and is well versed in tribal Internet gaming issues. In addition, he has extensive experience in gaming project development and in securing the required federal and state approvals related to those projects.

Alan served as associate counsel at the US Senate Special Committee on Investigations where he participated in the investigation of the federal government's management of Indian-owned natural resources. He also served as assistant chief counsel for the US Department of Energy, Office of Special Counsel, where he supervised attorneys and auditors responsible for enforcing the crude oil provisions of the Mandatory Petroleum Price Regulations. At the Department of Energy, Alan directed regulatory enforcement actions and represented the department in appeals before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Prior to joining the NIGC, Alan was counsel at Green, Stewart and Farber, where he was part of the firm's regulatory compliance practice.

Recognition

Honors and Awards

- Listed, *Best Lawyers*, Native American Law, 2013-2020

Activities and Affiliations

Memberships

Among his many professional activities, Alan served on the Native American Policy Advisory Committee for the presidential campaign of former Vermont Governor Howard Dean. He has also served as an adjunct professor at the University of Tulsa College of Law.

Areas of focus

Practices

- Advocacy and Government Affairs
- Appellate Advocacy
- Internal Investigations
- Native American Law and Policy (United States)
- Public Policy and Regulation

Industry sectors

- Government Agencies
- Government Sponsored Development Zones and Participants

Education

- University of Sussex, 1972, MA, Comparative Politics
- Brown University, 1969, BA, Political Science, Undergraduate Board of Governors

Admissions and qualifications

- District of Columbia
- Oklahoma