

Native American Law and Policy (United States)

Overview

Today, tribal governments and businesses confront an increasingly complicated legal, political and business dynamic. These complications can impede the realization of governmental and economic development goals of tribes and tribal businesses.

At Dentons, our track record is virtually unmatched when it comes to helping clients construct strategies that take into account the frequent interplay of the courts, the regulatory role of federal agencies, the influence of Congress, financial markets, and the realities of the current political climate. Dentons' Native American Law & Policy group was again ranked as a "Band 1" practice in Chambers USA 2020, and has been ranked by Chambers USA as a national leader in Native American law since 2009. In addition, U.S. News and World Report - Best Lawyers has named Dentons "Law Firm of the Year" for the Native American Law and Policy practice for 2015, 2017 and 2019, and Law360 named Dentons Practice Group of the Year in Native American Law in 2018 (for 2017). Several of our practitioners also have been individually ranked as top practitioners by both Chambers USA and U.S. News & World Report - Best Lawyers. Count on the expertise of our lawyers and public policy professionals, including those who have served in tribal government, the federal agencies, and in the U.S. Congress.

Our team of attorneys and public policy specialists bring together their nationally-recognized individual expertise to assist clients navigate complex Indian law and policy issues. To further our clients' goals, we construct holistic strategies. Among our members are a former Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs (acting), former Chairman (acting) and former head of enforcement at the National Indian Gaming Commission, former officials from the Department of the Interior's Office of the Secretary and Office of the Solicitor, former officials from the Department of Justice's Indian Resources Section, and former congressional staff. As a result, our clients benefit from a team which is well versed in all aspects of federal Indian law and policy, and which is extremely well positioned to help clients achieve their goals in a cost-efficient manner.

Our key service areas include:

- Fee-to-Trust/Indian Lands
- HEARTH Act/Leasing
- Natural Resource Protection
- Tribal Governance
- Indian Gaming
- Land and Water Rights
- Public Policy and Lobbying
- Labor and Employment
- Litigation/Dispute Resolution
- Tribal Finance
- Water Rights
- Environmental Law

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