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» Experience

Native American Rights Fund (Boulder, CO)

Senior Staff Attorney, May 2005 – present

Muscogee Nation Department of Justice (Okmulgee, OK)

Assistant Attorney General, June 2004 – May 2005

Navajo Nation Office of Legislative Counsel (Window Rock, AZ)

Staff Attorney, Oct. 2001 – June 2004

Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker (Oklahoma City, OK)

Law Clerk, March 2000 – October 2001

SUBSTANTIVE WORK » Indian Reserved Water Rights

Tribal Client: Klamath Tribes:

Since 2005, has represented the Klamath Tribes in the Klamath Basin Adjudication, a general stream adjudication of the Klamath River in southern Oregon. Beginning in December 2010, has represented the Klamath Tribes with water-related settlement and legislative efforts.

Tribal Client: Muscogee Nation:

As Assistant Attorney General, represented the Nation on natural resource matters; including water rights, oil and gas transactions, and environmental policy development. Authored comments to the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the application of the Clean Water Act's 'Treatment as States' provision.

Tribal Client: Navajo Nation:

Represented the Navajo Nation Council and the Council's Resources Committee in all areas of the law—with an emphasis in Navajo law, Federal Indian law, natural resources law, administrative law, land use law, water law, and environmental law. Reviewed and drafted Navajo legislative bills and resolutions. Authored administrative hearing decisions for the Navajo Nation's Resources Committee and Labor Commission.

As a NARF senior staff attorney, routinely consults with tribes considering whether to initiate action to advance and protect their reserved water rights.

» Publications and Presentations

Contributing author, *A Practical Guide to the Indian Child Welfare Act*. 2007 print publication with online updates through 2011.

Editor, 2005 Navajo Nation Code.

Compilation editor, *Laws Affecting Indians in the State of Oklahoma*. 1996. Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission.

Aug. 2013 Presenter, *Congressional Outlook for Indian Water Rights Settlements*. 13th Sym. On the Settlement of Indian Reserved Water Rights Claims. NARF and Western States Water Council.

Dec. 2012 Presenter, *Tribal Water Codes: What are they and why are they important?* National Congress of American Indians webinar.

Oct. 2012 Presenter, *Klamath Tribal Water Rights*. University of Idaho.

May 2012 Presenter, *Negotiated Tribal Water Law Settlements*. Oklahoma Water Law CLE.

Aug. 2011 Moderator, *Administration's Settlement Policy Response*. 12th Sym. On the Settlement of Indian Reserved Water Rights Claims. NARF and Western States Water Council.

Aug. 2009 Moderator, *Settlements and Groundwater*. 11th Sym. on the Settlement of Indian Reserved Water Rights Claims. NARF and Western States Water Council.

Jun. 2009 Presenter, *Assessing Tribal Water Right and Resources*. Oklahoma Tribal Water Workshop.

Jun. 2009 Presenter, *Constructing Tribal Water Right Claims*. Sovereignty Symposium.

Apr. 2009 Presenter, *Tribal Sovereignty, Water Quality and the Clean Water Act*. CLE International – Conference on Oklahoma Water Law.

Feb. 2009 Panelist, *Just Water? Indigenous Water Rights Panel*. Univ. of California, Berkeley.

Jul. 2008 Coordinator & Presenter, *Funding Tribal Water Rights Protection Efforts*. NARF/ Sac & Fox Nation - Oklahoma Tribal Water Summit.

May 2008 Presenter, *Water Law Review Symposium Cutting Edge Alternatives*. University of Denver, Sturm College of Law.

Apr. 2006 Lecturer, *The Indian Child Welfare Act in a Nutshell*. Univ. of Colorado, Native American Studies.

Jul. 2005 Presenter, *A Practical Guide to the Indian Child Welfare Act*. National Gathering for Tribal-Federal-State Court Relations: Walking on Common Ground, Pathways to Equal Justice.

» Publications and Presentations (cont.)

Jun. 2005 Presenter, *A Practical Guide to the Indian Child Welfare Act*. National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Meeting.

Apr. 2005 Presenter, *Tribal Water Rights: Litigation versus Negotiation*. Univ. of Oklahoma, Native American Studies, Indian Law Symposium.

Feb. 2005 Presenter, *The Clean Water Act's "Treatment as States" Policy & Issues*. Muscogee (Creek) National Council.

Mar. 2004 Trainer, *The Navajo Nation's Legislative Process Amendments of 2003*. Navajo Nation Bar Review Course.

Sep. 2004 Trainer, *The Navajo Nation's Legislative Process Amendments of 2003*. Navajo Nation Council & Committee Meetings.

Jan. 2004 Trainer, *The Navajo Nation Committee Rules of Order*. 20th Navajo Nation Council Members.

» Education

University of Oklahoma, College of Law, 2001

University of Oklahoma, B.A. , 1997

M.A.N.A.G.E. Institute – Indian Econ. and Dev. & Self Determination Program , 1995

Awards:

Univ. of Oklahoma, Academic Achievement Award – Water Law

OU Native American Law Student Association – Service Award

Navajo Abandoned Mine & Reclamation Program – Service Award

Judge Mabely Fellowship

American Indian Graduate Center Fellowship

Inter-Tribal Indian Club of Tulsa Scholarship

» Admissions and Affiliations

Oklahoma Indian Bar Association; Colorado Indian Bar Association; National Congress of American Indians; Muscogee (Creek) Nation Bar Association; Navajo Nation Bar Association; New Mexico Bar Association; Oklahoma Bar Association; American Indian Law Review

Court Admissions: Oklahoma Supreme Court; Oregon Office of Administrative Hearings (pro hac vice); United States District Court for the District of Columbia (pro hac vice); Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Court; New Mexico Supreme Court (inactive); Navajo Nation Tribal Court (inactive)