

# Susan Yarborough Noe

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## » Experience

### **Native American Rights Fund, Boulder, CO**

***Senior Staff Attorney, December 2012 to Present***

Represent Native American tribal governments on tribal land and natural resources matters, with an emphasis on litigation and negotiations to secure recognition, quantification, protection, and enforcement of aboriginal and reserved tribal water rights, and in international negotiations within the United Nations system to secure protections for indigenous peoples' traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions, and genetic resources. Serve as NARF lead on the NARF-University of Colorado Law School Joint Project to Implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the United States.

### **Susan Y. Noe, P.C., Denver, CO**

***President, April 2008 – November 2012***

Founded and managed solo Indian law practice focused on advocacy and negotiations on behalf of Native American tribes to facilitate the protection, restoration, and sustainable development of tribal lands and natural resources.

### **The Noe Group, Inc., Asheville, NC**

***August 2005 – April 2008***

Legal consultant to Native American tribes and tribal attorneys on issues concerning tribal rights to lands and natural resources.

### **Indian Law Attorney, Boulder, CO**

***October 2000 – August 2005***

Provided legal services to Native American tribes and tribal attorneys in cases involving issues of tribal sovereignty and tribal land and resource rights.

### **University of Denver, Denver, CO**

***Adjunct Professor, Department of Geography, October 2003 – July 2005***

Developed and led an international service-learning course focused on sustainable development for University of Denver students in Belize.

### **International Human Rights Advocacy Center, University of Denver, Denver, CO**

***Director, Indigenous Rights Project, June 2002 – July 2003***

Managed research and advocacy projects carried out by law students and graduate students at the University of Denver related to alleged violations of the human rights of indigenous peoples in various countries.

### **National Garifuna Council, San Ignacio, Belize**

***Legal Consultant, Summer 2001***

Conducted extensive legal and archival research and wrote detailed report analyzing the land rights of the Garifuna people under international and Belizean law.

## » Experience (cont.)

**Center for Legislative Development, Guatemala City, Guatemala****Consultant, September 1997 – February 1998**

Spearheaded creation and served as coordinator of the “Sociology Group,” designed to educate the Guatemalan Congress about probable impacts of proposed legislation on indigenous groups and women. Conducted comparative research in Bolivia to investigate the Bolivian Congress’ treatment of public participation issues and other issues of importance to Bolivia’s indigenous communities, as a possible model for Guatemala.

**Native American Rights Fund, Boulder, CO****Research Attorney, August 1997 – September 1997**

Researched and drafted memoranda and legal pleadings for a major Indian land claim case.

**National Indian Law Library, Boulder, CO****Volunteer, September 1996 – January 1997, April 1997 – August 1997**

Researched a variety of Native American legal issues in response to requests from the public, Native American individuals, and tribal attorneys.

**SAS Institute Inc., Cary, NC****Marketing Attorney, April 1991 – April 1994**

Provided legal support for the international subsidiaries and distributors of one of the largest privately-held software companies in the United States, including drafting and review of software license agreements and other contracts.

**Donovan Leisure Newton & Irvine, New York, NY****Associate, October 1989 – November 1990**

Practiced federal securities law, with an emphasis in international investment funds.

## » Publications

- Sue Noe, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), in *The Indigenous World 2022*, at 830 (Dwayne Mamo ed., 2022)
- Sue Noe, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), in *The Indigenous World 2021*, at 805 (Dwayne Mamo ed., 2021)
- Sue Noe, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), in *The Indigenous World 2020*, at 770 (Dwayne Mamo ed., 2020)
- Sue Noe, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), in *The Indigenous World 2019*, at 651 (David Nathaniel Berger ed., 2019)
- The “Fear Factor:” Why We Should Not Allow Energy Security Rhetoric to Trump Sustainable Development, in *Energy Security: Managing Risk In A Dynamic Legal And Regulatory Environment* (Oxford University Press, 2004) (coauthored with George (Rock) Pring)

## » Publications (cont.)

- The Emerging Role of Public Participation in International Law Affecting Mining, Energy, and Resources Development, in *Human Rights In Natural Resource Development: Public Participation In The Sustainable Development Of Mining And Energy Resources* (Oxford University Press, 2002) (coauthored with George (Rock) Pring)
- Susan Y. Noe, Note, *Roberts v. Burlington Industries – Workers’ Compensation for the Death of a Good Samaritan*, 66 N.C. L. Rev. 1377 (1988)
- Susan Y. Noe, Note, *North Carolina General Assembly Amends Election Laws to Allow Unaffiliated Voters to Vote in Party Primaries*, 66 N.C. L. Rev. 1208 (1988)

## » Education

### **LL.M. in Natural Resources and Environmental Law and Policy** **University of Denver, College of Law, Denver CO**

GPA 4.0

2002 Outstanding Student Award

Awards for Scholastic Excellence in: (i) Economics of Natural Resources Projects; (ii) Negotiation of Natural Resources Agreements; and (iii) International Environmental Law

### **Certificate of Advanced Study in Alternative Dispute Resolution** **University of Denver, University College, Denver CO**

GPA 3.9

### **Juris Doctor with High Honors**

**University of North Carolina, School of Law, Chapel Hill, NC**

GPA 3.7

Class Rank 3/225

Staff Member, North Carolina Law Review

Member, Order of the Coif

### **B.S. in Computer Science**

**North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC**

GPA 3.6

Graduated magna cum laude

## » Admissions and Affiliations

Bar Admissions: Colorado, Oregon, New York