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Stacy Leeds is an experienced leader in law, higher education, economic development and conflict resolution. She is the 9th dean of the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, one of the nation's largest and most innovative law schools.

In addition to serving as dean of two law schools (Arizona State and Arkansas), she was the inaugural Vice Chancellor for Economic Development at the University of Arkansas, where she expanded the university's intellectual property portfolio and substantially increased funding for faculty inventors and startups.

For over 25 years, Dean Leeds has been a professor and administrator at major research universities, including two AAU institutions (Arizona State and Kansas). She is a top national scholar and public intellectual on Indigenous Law and Policy issues. Her broad teaching experience also includes property law, energy and natural resources, leadership, ethics, business, and economic development courses for undergraduate, graduate, professional and executive education students. She is an elected member of the American Philosophical Society and the American Law Institute.

Deeply committed to community and public service at the national and local levels, she is a former Cherokee Nation Supreme Court Justice and serves as an advisor, board member and trustee for a variety of public and private entities. She is a former NCAA student-athlete and a lifelong sports enthusiast.

EDUCATION

LL.M.	University of Wisconsin School of Law	2000
J.D.	University of Tulsa College of Law	1997
M.B.A.	University of Tennessee Haslam College of Business (Executive Ed)	2010
B.A.	Washington University in St. Louis College of Arts & Sciences	1994

HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP

Willard H. Pedrick Dean, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
Arizona State University, 2023-present

Vice Chancellor for Economic Development
University of Arkansas, 2017-2020

Dean, School of Law
University of Arkansas, 2011-2018

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (Interim), School of Law
University of Kansas, 2010-2011

Director, Tribal Law & Government Center, School of Law
University of Kansas, 2003-2011

Senior Administrative Fellow, Office of Provost
University of Kansas 2006-2007

Acting Director, Indigenous Nation Studies, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
University of Kansas, 2006-2007

Director, Study Abroad in Ireland, School of Law
University of Kansas, 2005 & 2009

Director, Northern Plains Indian Law Center, School of Law
University of North Dakota, 2000-2003

CURRENT POSITION

Arizona State University

Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
Willard H. Pedrick Dean, February 2023-present
Regents Professor, November 2022-present
Foundation Professor of Law and Leadership, January 2020-present
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law, Fall 2019

Watts College of Public Service and Community
Thought Leaders Fellow, American Indian Policy Institute, 2021-2023

PRIOR TEACHING AND RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

University of Arkansas

Law Dean Emeritus, 2018-present

Professor of Law, 2011-2020

Affiliate Faculty, Indigenous Studies, Fulbright College of Arts & Sciences, 2018-2020

University of Kansas

Professor of Law, 2006-2011

Associate Professor of Law, 2003-2006

Affiliate Faculty, Indigenous Studies, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, 2003-2011

Affiliate Faculty, American Studies, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, 2008-2011

Haskell Indian Nations University

Faculty, College of Business, 2003-2009

University of North Dakota

Assistant Professor of Law, 2000-2003

University of Wisconsin

William H. Hastie Fellow, School of Law, 1998-2000

Northeastern State University (OK)

Sequoyah Fellow, College of Liberal Arts, 2015-2016

Harvard University

Non-Resident Fellow, W.E.B. DuBois Research Institute, 2008-2009

VISITING TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

University of Montana, Alexander Blewett III School of Law, Summer 2021

National Science Foundation, CRED I-Corps, 2019-2020

University of New Mexico, Pre-Law Summer Institute, 2001 & 2002

Law School Admission Council, Pipelines Programs: NA-PLUS, 2009; PLUS, 2012-2016

University of Tulsa, College of Law, Summers 2002-2006 and Spring 2007

Turtle Mountain Community College (Turtle Mountain Chippewa Tribal College) 2000-2002

Departments of Interior & Justice funded Trial Advocacy/Judicial Trainings, 2002-2022

Aboriginal Leadership Institute, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, 2001-2003

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERSHIPS AND LEARNED SOCIETIES

American Philosophical Society, 2024-present (by member election)

American Law Institute, Member, 2013-present (by member election)

American Bar Foundation, Fellow, 2015-present (by invitation)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Association of American Law Schools

Ruth Bader Ginsberg Lifetime Achievement Award, 2025

Clyde Ferguson, Jr. Award, 2006

American Bar Association

Spirit of Excellence Award, 2013

Difference Maker Award, 2025

University of Tulsa College of Law Hall of Fame

Benjamin P. Abney Cor Legis Award, 2023

Cherokee Nation

Cherokee National Statesmanship Award, 2014

Cherokee National Historical Society, Contemporary Achievement Award, 2013

National American Indian Court Judges Association, Outstanding Service Award, 2013

Fletcher Foundation, Alphonse Fletcher, Sr. Fellowship, 2008

University of Kansas, Howard M. and Susan Immel Award for Teaching Excellence, 2005

Muskogee High School Alumni Awards

Excellence Award for Professional Achievement, 2025

Athletics Hall of Fame, 2015

W. Alfred Hayes Award, Outstanding Student-Athlete Leadership, Washington University, 1994

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

Books

AMERICAN INDIAN LAW: NATIVE NATIONS AND THE FEDERAL SYSTEM (Rebecca Tsosie, Angela R. Riley, Dylan R. Hedden-Nicely, Lauren Van Schilfgaarde, Stacy L. Leeds, Carole Goldberg, Robert N. Clinton, 8th ed. 2025)

MASTERING NATIVE AMERICAN LAW (Angelique EagleWoman and Stacy L. Leeds, 3d ed., Carolina Academic Press 2024)

MASTERING AMERICAN INDIAN LAW (Angelique EagleWoman and Stacy L. Leeds, 2d ed., 2019)

MASTERING AMERICAN INDIAN LAW (Angelique EagleWoman and Stacy L. Leeds, 2013)

Major Published Reports

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON INDIAN TRUST ADMINISTRATION AND REFORM TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR (submitted to Secretary of Interior December 10, 2013)(commissioner and co-author with Robert Anderson)

Articles and Essays

Proactive Solutions in Implementing Tribal Digital Sovereignty, 22 JOURNAL OF COMMUNITY INFORMATICS 82 (2026)(Stacy L. Leeds, Sam Phillips and Mikaela Bledsoe Downes)

Strategic Litigation in Pursuit of Indigenous Justice, 73 KAN. L. REV. 747 (2025)(Stacy L. Leeds and Laura Hines)

Tribal Nations and Abortion Access: A Path Forward, 46 HARV. J.L. & GENDER 1 (2023)(Lauren Van Schilfgaarde, Aila Hoss, Sarah Deer, Ann Tweedy, Stacy Leeds)

Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta: Rebalancing Federal-State-Tribal Power, 23 J. APP. PRAC. & PROCESS 47 (2023)(Stacy Leeds, Robert Miller, Kevin Washburn, Derrick Beetso)

A Familiar Crossroads: McGirt v. Oklahoma and the Future of the Federal Indian Law Canon, 51 N.M. L. Rev. 300 (2021) (Dylan R. Hedden-Nicely and Stacy Leeds)

A Wealth of Sovereign Choices: Tax Implications of McGirt v. Oklahoma and the Promise of Tribal Economic Development, 56 Tulsa L. Rev. 417 (2021) (Stacy L. Leeds and Lonnie R. Beard)

Beyond an Emergency Declaration: Tribal Governments and the Opioid Crisis, 67 KAN. L. REV. 1013 (2019)

[Dis]Respecting the Role of Tribal Court, Human Rights, 42 Hum. Rts. 20 (2016-2017)

Whose Sovereignty? Tribal Citizenship, Federal Indian Law, and Globalization, 46 ARIZ. ST. L. J. 89 (2014)(Stacy L. Leeds and Erin Shirf)

Coming Full Circle: A Tribute to Professor Jim Jones, 2013 WISC. L. REV. 733 (2013)

Resistance, Resilience, and Reconciliation: Reflections on Native American Women and the Law, 34 THOMAS JEFFERSON L. REV. 303 (2012)(Stacy L. Leeds and Elizabeth Mashie Gunsaulis)

Reassessing Concurrent Tribal-State-Federal Criminal Jurisdiction in Kansas, 59 KAN. L. REV. 949 (2011)(John Francis, Stacy L. Leeds, Aliza Organick and Jelani Jefferson Exum)

Defeat or Mixed Blessing: Tribal Sovereignty and the State of Sequoyah, 43 TULSA L. REV. 5 (2007)

Moving Toward Exclusive Tribal Autonomy Over Lands and Natural Resources, 45 NAT. RESOURCES J. 439 (2006)

By Eminent Domain or Some Other Name: A Tribal Perspective on Taking Land, 41 TULSA L. REV. 51 (2005)

Borrowing from Blackacre: Expanding Tribal Land Base and Economies Through the Creation of Future Interests, 80 N.D. L. REV. 827 (2004)

Order and Decision of the Court, Supreme Court of the American Indian Nations: Julia Martinez v. Santa Clara Pueblo, 2003 Tribal Law and Government Conference Case Reconsideration, 14 KAN. J. L. & PUB. POL'Y 91 (2004)

The More Things Stay the Same: Waiting on Indian Law's Brown v. Board of Education, 38 TULSA L. REV. 73 (2002)

The Burning of Blackacre: A Step Toward Reclaiming Tribal Property Law, 10 KAN. J. L. & PUB. POL'Y 491 (2001)

Cross-Jurisdictional Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments: A Tribal Court Perspective, 76 N.D. L. REV. 311 (2000)

Recognition and Enforcement of Tribal Court Judgments in Oklahoma: Policy and Procedure Considerations for Future Compliance with Federal Mandates, XII SOVEREIGNTY SYMPOSIUM 3-13 (1999)

Tobacco Litigation in Tribal Courts: A Double Standard in Waiting?, XI SOVEREIGNTY SYMPOSIUM 98 (1998)

Southern Ute Indian Tribe v. Amoco Production Company: Judicial Construction of Coalbed Methane Gas Ownership, 17 ENERGY L. J. 489 (1996)

Book Chapters and Contributions to Collective Works

Tribal Nations and Abortion Access: A Path Forward in GENDER AND THE LAW (Aníbal Rosario Lebrón et al. ed. 2024-2025)(reprint of *Tribal Nations and Abortion Access: A Path Forward*, 46 HARV. J.L. & GENDER 1 (2023)(Lauren Van Schilfgaarde, Aila Hoss, Sarah Deer, Ann Tweedy, Stacy Leeds)

Foreword in RENEWING INDIGENOUS ECONOMIES (Terry L. Anderson and Kathy Rattè, Hoover Institution Press Stanford University, 2022)

Indigenous Foresight Under Duress and the Modern Applicability of Allotment Agreements (Afterward) in ALLOTMENT STORIES: INDIGENOUS RESPONSES TO LAND PRIVATIZATION (Daniel Heath Justice and Jean M. O'Brien, University of Minnesota Press, 2021)

Commentary on Johnson v. M'Intosh in *Feminist Judgments: Rewritten Property Opinions of the United States Supreme Court* (Eloisa C. Rodriguez-Dod and Elena Maria Marty-Nelson, Cambridge Press, 2021)

Pipeline into Law School/Legal Profession (Introduction) in *THE PURSUIT OF INCLUSION: AN IN-DEPTH EXPLORATION OF THE EXPERIENCES AND PERSPECTIVES OF NATIVE AMERICAN ATTORNEYS IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION* (National Native American Bar Association, 2015)

Chapter 13: *The Story of an Unnamed Victim, an Unreported Decision, and an All Too Common Injustice* in *WOMEN AND THE LAW STORIES* (Elizabeth M. Schneider and Stephanie M. Wildman, Foundation Press, 2011)

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN INDIAN POLICY, RELATIONS, AND LAW (Paul Finkelman & Tim Alan Garrison, CQ Press, 2009)(contributing author)

Indian Treaty Making: A Native View in *TREATIES WITH AMERICAN INDIANS: AN ENCYCLOPEDIA OF RIGHTS, CONFLICTS AND SOVEREIGNTY* (Donald L. Fixico, ABC-CLIO, 2007)

FELIX S. COHEN'S HANDBOOK OF FEDERAL INDIAN LAW (Nell Jessup Newton 3rd ed. 2005, Lexis/Nexus)(contributing author to property law sections)

Chapter 16: *Native American Tribal Property* in *A POLITICAL HISTORY OF NATIVE AMERICANS* (Donald A. Grinde CQ Press, 2003)

Advisory Contributions

RESTATEMENT OF THE LAW: THE LAW OF AMERICAN INDIANS (Fletcher, Singel, Smith ed. American Law Institute, forthcoming 2022)(Advisor)

FEMINIST JUDGMENTS: REWRITTEN PROPERTY OPINIONS OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT (Eloisa C. Rodriguez-Dod and Elena Maria Marty-Nelson, Cambridge Press 2021)(Advisory Board)

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN INDIAN POLICY, RELATIONS, AND LAW (Paul Finkelman & Tim Alan Garrison, CQ Press, 2009)(Editorial Advisory Board)

Recent Popular Media and Blogs

Why Arizona State Law School Applicants May Use Generative AI, Bloomberg Law (August 10, 2023)

The Indian Country Abortion Safe Harbor Fallacy, LAW AND POLITICAL ECONOMY PROJECT housed at Yale Law School (June 6, 2022)(Lauren Van Schilfgaarde, Aila Hoss, Sarah Deer, Ann Tweedy, Stacy Leeds)

What the Landmark Supreme Court Decision Means for Policing Indigenous Oklahoma, SLATE (OpEd, July 10, 2020)

Future Works

NATIVE AMERICAN TAX LAW (Stacy L. Leeds and Lonnie R. Beard)(in progress)

INDIGENOUS NATIONS AND PEOPLES LAND RESTORATION: LESSONS AND GLOBAL TRENDS (in progress)

A MATTER OF CHEROKEE JUSTICE: TALTON V. MAYES REVISITED (Stacy L. Leeds and Taiwagi Helton)(in progress)

SELECT KEYNOTE AND DISTINGUISHED LECTURES

Reclaiming Agriculture Through Smart Partnerships, 46th Annual American Agricultural Law Educational Symposium, American Agricultural Law Association, Closing Keynote Address, November 7, 2025

Engagement with Indigenous Nations and Indigenous Peoples, 2nd Annual International Symposium on Indigenous Peoples' Law, Closing Keynote Address, Superior Tribunal de Justiça, National High Court of Brazil, August 19, 2025

Re-examining the Tribal Trust Responsibility in the 21st Century, Keynote Address, University of Tulsa Law Review Symposium, March 28, 2025

Un-othering by Treaty and Agreement: Lessons from Cherokee Diplomacy, Keynote Address, Harvard Law School Indian Law Symposium February 8, 2025

International Best Practices for Engagement with Indigenous Nations and Indigenous Peoples, Department of State U.S. Speaker Program, United States Embassy, Surinam, December 10, 2024

Tribal Tax Commissions at the Forefront of Sovereignty and Self-Governance, Keynote Address, National Inter-Tribal Tax Alliance, Ak-Chin Indian Community, November 5, 2024

Light in a Sea of Darkness: An 1899 Origin Story of Cherokee Women and Resilience, Keynote Address, IWPC 125th Anniversary Gala, Catoosa, OK, November 1, 2024

Major Cases Impacting Tribal Nation Justice Systems & Impact on Mental Health Providers, Keynote Address, Forensic Mental Health Symposium in Indian Country, Tulsa, OK, October 3, 2024

Tribal Sovereign and Justice Work: Truth, Reconciliation and Healing, Vine Deloria Jr. Theological Symposium Lecture, Keynote Address, Pero Center for Intersectionality Studies, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, November 13, 2023

Legal Education, the Changing Job Market and the Experiences of Native Attorneys, Keynote Address, United States Security and Exchange Commission, Washington D.C., November 6, 2023

Immeasurable Superior? (Re)Living Tribal Court Centrality in a NextGen State of Sequoyah, Keynote Address, 45th Annual Tribal Judicial Conference, National American Indian Court Judges Association, Tulsa, OK, October 24, 2023.

History and the Trenches: The Story of a Supreme Court First, Keynote Address, 44th Annual Arizona Women Lawyers Association, October 20, 2023

Conceptualizing Indigenous Futures: Land, Language and Leadership, University of Wisconsin School of Law, Keynote Address, 37th Coming Together of Peoples Conference, March 31, 2023

Indigenous Nations and the Contours of #LandBack, Norman Williams Distinguished Lecture in Land Use Planning and the Law, Vermont Law School, April 28, 2022

Federal Traction or Cherokee Exceptionalism? Keynote Luncheon Address at *GoingSnake at 150: A Symposium*, United States Marshall's Museum, Ft. Smith, AR April 9, 2022

Shared and Divergent Human Experiences in Removal, Relocation and Revival: A Cherokee Nation Story of Sovereignty, Freedmen (Dis)enfranchisement and Reconciliation Saturday, Keynote Lecture as part of the Series *Confronting Racism, Discrimination and Othering: Perspectives from Around the World*, Keynote Address, William Alanson White Institute of Psychiatry, Psychoanalysis & Psychology, March 19, 2022

State of Many Nations: Pushing Boundaries in a Post-McGirt World, Annual Michael D. Green Lecture in American Indian Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, November 9, 2021

Oil and Gas: An Oklahoma Origin Story and McGirt, 15th Annual Rennard Strickland Lecture, University of Oregon School of Law, October 26, 2021

Ensuring the Narrative for Contemporary Empowerment: The Cherokee Experience, Plenary Keynote Address, Society of Southwest Archivists Annual Meeting, May 2017

In Pursuit of Pragmatism, Keynote Address, Annual Legal Education Opportunities (LEO) Banquet, University of Wisconsin, March 2016

Sustaining the Legacy of Sequoyah: Cherokee Governance and Higher Education, Sequoyah Fellow Lecture Series, Northeastern State University, January 2016

Tribal Governance and Community Sustainability, Keynote, American Indian Science and Engineering Society Luncheon, 42nd Annual Symposium on the American Indian, Northeastern State University, April 2014

The Extraordinary as Everyday Ordinary, Keynote Address, Gates Millennium Scholars Program National Leadership Conference, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, November 2013

Community Empowerment: Access to Higher Education, Access to Justice, 26th Annual National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education, May 2013

Communication Across Generations, Gender and Culture, Keynote Address, Women in Law Conference and Mona Salyer Spotlight Awards Luncheon of the Oklahoma Bar Association, September 2013

Whose Sovereignty? Tribal Citizenship, Federal Indian Law, and Globalization, Sixth Annual William C. Canby Jr. Lecture, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, January 2013

Tribal Courts and Native American Governments, University Lecture Series, Center for Comparative Native and Indigenous Studies, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Germany, December 2012

Resistance, Resilience, and Reconciliation: Reflections on Native American Women and the Law, Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lecture, 10th Anniversary Women and the Law Conference, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, February 2011

Recent United States Supreme Court Indian Law Decisions and the Threat to Tribal Economies, Keynote Address, Indian Law Clinic Symposium, co-sponsored by the University of New Mexico, Washburn University School of Law, University of Denver Sturm College of Law and Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, June 2009

Sovereignty and Consequences: Cherokee Legal History and Freedmen Citizenship, Inaugural Alphonse Fletcher, Sr. Lecture, Harvard University, May 2009

Supporting Victims from an Indigenous Perspective, Keynote Plenary Address to the 2008 Office of Victims of Crime National Conference, United States Department of Justice, December 2008

A Collaborative Future for Tribal Courts and Peacemaking, Keynote Luncheon Address, 39th Annual National American Indian Court Judges' Association and Gathering on Indigenous Peacemaking, October 2008

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE

United States Department of the Interior

Foundation for America's Public Lands

(Congressionally chartered charitable partner of Bureau of Land Management)

Inaugural Board of Directors, 2021-2025
Treasurer, 2021-2024

National Commission on American Indian Trust Administration and Reform
Commissioner, 2011-2013

United States Department of State
U.S. Speaker Program, 2024-present

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Supreme Court, Justice, 2002-2006
Cherokee Nation Gaming Commission, Chairperson, 2013-2016
Office of Attorney General, Special Attorney Advisor, 2016-2020
Cherokee National Historical Society, Inc.,
Trustee, 2005-2008
Vice President, 2007-2008
Legal Counsel, 2021-2023

Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Judicial Branch of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation
District Court Judge, 2020-2023
Special District Court Judge, 2004
Judicial Clerk to Hon. Patrick E. Moore, 1997-1998
National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation
Legislative Attorney, 2009-2011 (with G. William Rice)

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Kituwah Economic Development Board, 2018-2025
Founding Board Member of Kituwah, LLC, 2018-2025
Board Member, Kituwah Global Government Group, LLC, 2021-2025

Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians

Court of Appeals, Panel Judge, 2019-present
Civil Trial Court, Chief Judge, 2023-2025

Hualapai Tribe

Court of Appeals, Judge, 2022-2024

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Court of Appeals, Judge, 2016-2022
District Court Chief Judge, 2008-2011
Inaugural Healing to Wellness Court Judge, 2010-2011

Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas

District Court, Special Judge, 2011

Kaw Nation

Supreme Court, Justice, 2005-2011

Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma

Supreme Court, Chief Justice, 2001-2011

Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa

Court of Appeals, Special Judge, 2003-2005

STATE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Arizona

Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council, Member, 2024-present

Arkansas

Arkansas Research and Technology Park Foundation, Board of Directors, 2018-2020

The Sustainability Consortium, Managing Board, 2018-2020

Winthrop Rockefeller Institute, Board Member, 2018-2020

Arkansas Code Revision Commission, Board Member, 2011-2018

Kansas

Judicial Council Advisory Committee on Judicial Performance, Board Member, 2005

SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT NETWORKS

Association of American Law Schools

Executive Committee, 2025-present

Deans Steering Committee, 2024-present

Annual Meeting Program Committee, 2024-2025

Section on Indian Nations and Indigenous Peoples

Chairperson, 2002-2003

Executive Board, 2009-2011

Law School Admission Council

Board of Trustees, 2017-2019

American Bar Association

Commission on Women in the Legal Profession,

Advisory Council for Mental Wellness Study, 2025

Judicial Division, Tribal Courts Council, Chair 2006-2008

Standing Committee on Minorities in the Judiciary, 2006-2007

Taskforce on American Indian Probate, 2006-2007
Law School Sabbatical Site Visit Team Member Various Schools, 2007-present

State Bar of Arizona

Board of Governors (Ex Officio), 2023-present
Rule of Law Taskforce, 2024-2025
Diversity Panel, 2023-2024

National Judicial College

Tribal Advisory Board, 2005-2022
Endowed Programs Fundraising Board, 2009-2012
Faculty, 2001-present

Arkansas Bar Foundation Trust Committee

Board of Directors, 2011-2017

National American Indian Court Judges Association

Interim Executive Director, 2010-2011
Board of Directors, 2008-2010

PRIVATE SECTOR BOARD SERVICE

Financial Institutions, Trust Administration and Economic Development Entities

Native American Agriculture Fund

Chair, Board of Trustees, 2024-present
Board of Trustees, 2022-present

National Opioid Litigation Settlement Trusts

Trust Protector, 2021-present

Akiptan, Inc. (CDFI)

President, 2021-2022
Founding Board of Directors, 2018-2024

Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors, 2017-2020

Arvest Bank

Board of Directors (Fayetteville), 2016-2020

Health Systems and Wellness Providers

Arizona Legal Professionals Wellness Program

Founding Board Member, 2025-present

Arkansas Children's Hospital Northwest
Board of Trustees, 2017-2020

St. Luke's Health System, Crittenton Children's Center
Board of Directors, 2003-2004

Education and the Arts

Native Forward Scholars Fund (formerly American Indian Graduate Center)
Vice President, 2021-2023
Board of Trustees, 2015-2023

Theatre Squared
Board of Directors, 2018-2021

Fayetteville School District
Co-Chairperson, Mascot Task Force, 2018-2019

Pearson Educational Foundation
Board of Trustees, 2012-2019

Local Community-Focused Nonprofits

Eastern Oklahoma United
Founding Board of Directors, 2025-present

American Indian Resource Center, Inc.
Board of Directors, 2020-2022

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Arizona State University

Dean's Council, Arizona State University Office of the Provost, 2023-present
McCain Institute, Deans Advisory Committee, 2023-present
Co-Chair, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean Search, 2023-2024
Law School Faculty Recruitment Committee, Chair 2022-2023; Committee Member 2021-2022
Advisor, American Indian Policy Institute, Indigenous Leadership Academy, 2020-present
Co-Coach, National Native American Law Moot Court Competition, 2022-2023

University of Arkansas

Chair, University of Arkansas System, Patent and Copyright Policy Revision Committee, 2019
Vice Provost for Distance Education Search Committee, 2019
Chief Information Officer Search Committee, 2019

Vice Chancellor for Research & Innovation Search Committee, 2018
Co-Chair, United Way Campus Campaign, 2016-2018
Chair, Vice Provost for Diversity & Inclusion Search Committee, 2017
Chair, Dean of College of Education and Health Professions Search Committee, 2016
Chair, Dual Career Committee (ad hoc), 2016
Chancellor Search Committee, 2015
Chair, Dean of J. William Fulbright College of Arts & Sciences Search Committee, 2014
Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations Search Committee, 2014
Dean of College of Engineering Search Committee, 2013
Chancellor's Administrative Policy Committee, 2011-2020
Provost's Academic Affairs Executive Group, 2011-2018
Press Advisory Board, University of Arkansas Press, 2016-2018
Chancellor's Communications Advisory Committee (ad hoc), 2014-2017

University of Kansas

Chair, Law Faculty Appointments Committee, 2010-2011
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Search Committee, 2009-2010
Dean's Budget Advisory Panel, School of Law 2009-2011
Dean Search Committee, School of Law, 2005-2006
Chair, University Faculty Rights, Privileges and Responsibilities, 2009-2010
Member, University Faculty Rights, Privileges and Responsibilities, 2007-2010
Faculty Senate Representative for School of Law, 2006-2008
Member, University Strategic Planning Committee, Driving Discovery and Innovation
Workgroup for the Office of Provost, 2010-2011
Diversity Initiatives Taskforce for the Office of the Provost, 2009-2010
Chair, Special Faculty Appointments Committee, School of Law, 2009-2010
Chair, Academic Affairs Committee, School of Law, 2008-2009
Chair, Admissions Committee, School of Law, 2007-2008
Faculty Appointments Committee, School of Law, 2003-2007 and 2009-2010
Distinguished Professor Committee, School of Law, 2009-2010
Scholarship Committee, School of Law, 2007-2008
Executive Committee, Indigenous Nations Studies, Liberal Arts & Sciences, 2004-2007
Graduate and International Programs Committee, School of Law, 2004-2006
Faculty Advisor, Joint Degree Program (M.A./J.D.) 2004-2011
Faculty Advisor, Native American Law Students Association, 2003-2011
Coach, National NALSA Moot Court Team, 2003-2011

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Private Consulting, 2006-present

Legal Advocates for Indian Country, LLP

Attorney, 1997-2000

Native American Rights Fund
Summer Law Clerk, 1996

CURRENT BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Oklahoma (1997-present)
Muscogee (Creek) Nation (1997-2011 and 2020-present)
Cherokee Nation (1998-present)
United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas (2018-present)
United States District Court for North Dakota (2001-present)

PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL ASSOCIATIONS

Federal Bar Association
 Indian Law Section
American Bar Association
 Judicial Division
 Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
 Dispute Resolution Section
Oklahoma Bar Association
 Energy and Natural Resources Section
 Indian Law Section
 Real Property Section
National Native American Bar Association
American Agricultural Law Association
National American Indian Court Judges Association
Oklahoma Indian Bar Association
Native American Bar Association of Arizona
Arizona Women Lawyers Association
Kappa Kappa Gamma