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Education:

- A.B., Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, 1978.
- J.D. *cum laude*, University of New Mexico School of Law, Albuquerque, NM, 1981.

Professional Experience:

- August 1981 – August 1983: Law Clerk to the Honorable Juan G. Burciaga, United States District Judge, Albuquerque, NM. Primary fields of research and writing included federal jurisdiction, civil rights, anti-trust, and civil procedure.
- September 1983 – January 1986: Associate Attorney with Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Kampelman, Washington, DC. Primary practice areas included federal Indian law, corporate law, legislative affairs, and administrative law.
- February 1986 – October 1997: Partner in Gover, Stetson & Williams, P.C., Albuquerque, NM. Primary fields of practice included federal Indian law, natural resources law, water law, environmental law, housing law, commercial transactions, administrative law, and legislative affairs.
- November 1997 – December 2000: Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior, Washington, DC. Responsible for policy and operational oversight of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, supervising programs in Indian education, Indian law enforcement, Indian trust asset management, social services, tribal government, and administrative services, among others.
- January 2001 – December 2002: Partner in Steptoe & Johnson, LLP, Washington, DC. Primary practice areas include federal Indian law, commercial transactions, environmental law, administrative law, and legislative affairs.

- January 2003 – June 2003: Counsel to Steptoe & Johnson, LLP, Washington, DC and Phoenix, AZ.
- July 2003 – Present: Professor of Law, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, Tempe, AZ. Teaching courses in Federal Indian Law, Administrative Law, and Statutory and Regulatory Interpretation.

Bar Admissions:

- New Mexico Supreme Court (currently inactive).
- District of Columbia Court of Appeals.
- United States Supreme Court.
- United States District Court, District of New Mexico.
- United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit.
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit.
- United States Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit.
- Wind River Tribal Court.
- Crow Tribal Court.
- Yavapai Nation Tribal Court.
- Santa Clara Pueblo Tribal Court.

Professional Memberships:

- New Mexico State Bar Association (currently inactive).
- District of Columbia Bar Association.
- Federal Bar Association.
- American Bar Association, Committee on Native American Natural Resources Law, Chairman, 1989-1990.
- American Bar Association, Committee on Native American Rights, Vice-Chairman, 2002.

Major Publications:

- *Environmental Regulation in Indian Country*, to be published in Proceedings of the 56th Annual Institute of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation in December 2006.
- “Statutes as Sources of Indian Rights: Child Welfare, Gaming, and Repatriation,” to be published in *Treaties with American Indians: An Encyclopedia of Rights, Conflict, and Sovereignty*, edited by Dr. Donald Fixico, ABC-CLIO publisher (June 2007)
- *An Indian Trust for the 21st Century*, Spring 2006 issue of the Natural Resources Journal, University of New Mexico School of Law.

- *Federal Indian Policy in the 21st Century*, published in the proceedings of Confluence of Cultures II: The Journey Continues, Symposium at the University of Great Falls (July 2005).
- *Survey of Tribal Actions to Protect Water Quality and the Implementation of the Tribal Amendments to the Clean Water Act*, Report to the National Indian Policy Center, September, 1994.
- *Commercial Solid and Hazardous Waste Disposal Projects on Indian Lands*, 10 Yale J. of Reg. 229 (1993) (Co-author).
- *Tribal-State Dispute Resolution: Recent Attempts*, 36 S.D. L. Rev. 277 (1991) (Co-author).
- *Tribal Environmental Regulation*, 36 Federal Bar News & Journal 438 (1989) (Co-author).
- *Avoiding Santa Clara v. Martinez: The Litigation in Federal Court of Civil Actions Under the Indian Civil Rights Act*, 8 Hamline L. Rev. 543 (1985) (Co-author).
- Note, *Conflicts of Laws and the Indian Reservation: Solutions to Problems in Indian Civil Jurisdiction*, 8 Am. Indian. L. Rev. 361 (1981).

Works in Progress:

- *Indian Jurisdiction in the 21st Century*, to be submitted for publication in October 2006.
- *EPA and Indian Tribes: Environmental Federalism and Rational Regulatory Policy on Indian Lands*, to be submitted for publication in September 2006.

Courts and Boards:

- Associate Judge, Tonto Apache Tribal Court of Appeals, 2005-present.
- Associate Judge, San Carlos Apache Tribal Court of Appeals, 2005-present.
- Board of Trustees, Verde Valley School, 2006-present.
- Board of Directors, Salt River DEVCO, 2004-present.
- Board of Directors, Futures for Children, 2002-present.
- Board of Directors, Southwestern Association for Indian Art, 1995-1997.
- Board of Directors, Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas, 1995-1997.

Major Honors and Awards:

- Honorary Doctor of Laws, Princeton University, 2001.

- Distinguished Alumni Award, University of New Mexico School of Law, 1999.

Congressional Testimony:

- United States Committee on Indian Affairs: Testimony regarding S. 297, a bill to Establish Administrative Procedures for the Recognition of Indian Tribes, April 2004.
- United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs: Numerous appearances from 1997 – 2000 on topics of Bureau of Indian Affairs capacity and mission, federal recognition of Indian tribes, budget of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian law enforcement, Indian education, Indian economic development, Indian gaming, and Indian trust asset management.
- United States Senate Committee on Appropriations: Several appearances from 1997 – 2000 to present the proposed budget of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- United States House of Representatives Committee on Resources: Several appearances from 1997 – 2000 on topics of Indian education, federal recognition of Indian tribes, Indian gaming, and Indian education.
- United States House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations: Several appearances from 1997 – 2000 to present the proposed budget of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- General: Numerous appearances from 1988 – 1996 before various Congressional appropriations and authorizing committees on subjects of tribal courts, tribal environmental regulation, Indian housing appropriations, water rights, and taxation.

Major Speeches and Lectures:

- National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention, Keynote Address on Thirty Years of Self-Determination, 2005.
- National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention, Keynote Address, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000.
- Rhode Island College Diversity Day Celebration, Keynote Address, 2001.
- Arizona State University College of Law, Commencement Address, 2001.
- Albuquerque Academy, Commencement Address, 2001.

- University of Oklahoma College of Law, American Indian Law Review Annual Banquet, Keynote Address, 2001.
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs 175th Anniversary Observance, Keynote Address, 2000.
 - University of South Dakota School of Law, Conference on Indian Law, Keynote Address, 1999.
 - New Mexico First, Town Hall on Tribal-State Relations, Keynote Address, 1999.
 - Oklahoma Sovereignty Symposium, Keynote Address, 1999.
 - University of New Mexico School of Law, 1998, Commencement Address.
 - Numerous lectures and presentations at Indian law conferences sponsored by the American Bar Association Section on Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law, the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, the Federal Bar Association Indian Law Section, the New Mexico State Bar Association, the Arizona State Bar Association, and various Native American advocacy organizations.
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