



Tribal Government Business Law Faculty Biographies

Howard Arnett is a partner at Karnopp Petersen LLP in Bend, Oregon. He has 37 years of experience in Federal Indian law, water law, natural resources and energy development, including work in legal services on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona and with the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon. He is an adjunct professor of Indian law at the University Of Oregon School of Law. His work includes assisting the Warm Springs Tribes with the acquisition of a substantial ownership interest in the Pelton Round Butte Hydro Project on the Deschutes River.

Richard Collins spent 15 years practicing Indian law with organizations such as California Rural Legal Assistance, California Indian Legal Services, Dinebeina Nahiilna Be Agaditahe in Window Rock, Arizona, and the Native American Rights Fund (NARF). He is a Professor at the University of Colorado School of Law where he teaches Indian Law, Constitutional Law and Property. Professor Collins has continued work as a pro bono consultant to NARF and to Native American tribes, including the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. During the course of his appellate work, he has had a major role in several important Indian law decisions, including United States Supreme Court decisions such as *McClanahan v. Arizona Tax Commission*, 421 U.S. 164 (1973). His scholarship also focuses on constitutional issues, and he was Director of the law school's Byron R. White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law from 2002 to 2010. Most recently, Professor Collins filed an amicus brief in the Supreme Court on the subject of tribal sovereign immunity in *Michigan v. Bay Mills*.

Mike Droke is a partner in the Seattle office of Dorsey & Whitney with extensive experience in all areas of employment and labor law, including negotiating collective bargaining agreements, NLRA compliance, ERISA, age discrimination, wrongful discharge, EEOC, ADA, FLSA, immigration law, legalization of marijuana and a host of other issues that arise for employers and employees. He is among the top rated labor and employment law attorneys in the nation. His practice includes advice on preventive measures as well as significant experience in litigation and arbitration.

Skip Durocher is the co-chair, along with Mary Streitz, of the Indian and Gaming Law Practice Group at Dorsey & Whitney LLP, based in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Skip is a partner in the Regulatory Affairs and Trial Groups at Dorsey. He has 28 years of experience in complex civil litigation, including cases in state and federal court involving the taxation of tribes and tribal entities. He is also an adjunct professor at Hamline Law School where he teaches ethics. Among the litigated tax cases that Mary and Skip have handled are *Mashantucket Pequot Tribe v. Town of Ledyard*, *Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska v. Morrison*, *Keweenaw Bay Indian Community v. Naftaly*, and *Little Six, Inc. v. United States*.

Lael Echohawk is Of Counsel to Garvey Schubert Barer in the Seattle office. Prior to joining the firm she served as the Counselor to the Chair of the National Indian Gaming Commission, the Legislative Counsel to the Native American Contractors Association, and as an attorney working in the Reservation Attorney's Office at the Tulalip Tribes where she had substantial responsibility for the Tribe's gaming operations and related businesses. She is a past President of the National Native American Bar Association and the Northwest Indian Bar Association. She is a guest lecturer at the Seattle University School of Law and has

been recognized as a Rising Star: Young Women Who Make a Difference. She is a citizen of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.

Aaron Goldstein is an associate in Dorsey and Whitney's Seattle office with extensive background in complex employment litigation regarding a wide array of issues such as non-competition agreements; trade secrets; race, gender, disability, national origin, age, religious and sexual orientation discrimination; whistleblower retaliation and sexual harassment.

Bruce R. Greene has been practicing law for 47 years, including 39 years focused on Federal Indian law. He served as a court appointed federal mediator in U.S. v. Washington sub-proceedings; as the Director of Litigation in the Navajo Nation Department of Justice; the Director of California Indian Legal Services, as a Staff Attorney at the Native American Rights Fund; as an invited lecturer for Federal District Court and Circuit Court of Appeals judges on Indian law issues; negotiation of Tribal/State gaming compacts and tax agreements. Bruce's work has resulted in a long list of significant decisions rendered by federal and state courts at all levels in major Indian law cases covering an array of issues ranging from treaty rights to the management of trust funds and resources. Most recently, Bruce participated in the development of the Supreme Court brief for the Bay Mills Indian Community in *Michigan v. Bay Mills*.

Joe Hovenkotter is General Counsel for Energy Keepers, Incorporated. Joe received a B.S. in Biological Sciences from Central Washington University in 1980 and a J.D. from the University of Montana in 1994. After completing law school, Joe worked for 18 years as a Staff Attorney for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation with representation in the areas of federal litigation and appeal, natural resources, environmental law, real property, transportation, contracts, and energy. For the past 2 years Joe has been General Counsel for Energy Keepers, Inc. which is the business entity the Tribes chartered under Section 17 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 to undertake the acquisition and operation of the Kerr Hydroelectric Project. The Tribes are the sole owner of Energy Keepers. Joe's practice is now focused on business startup for a Section 17 corporation, consummating acquisition of the Kerr Project, implementing operation and maintenance activities at the Project, and initiating power sales of its electrical output.

Michael O'Connell from the Seattle office of Stoel Rives will discuss the legal framework to be considered in agreements for the development of Tribal energy resources, including the applicable federal statutes, significant court decisions, recent changes in the federal leasing regulations and the use of TERA and HEARTH by tribes. Michael has 37 years of experience in every aspect of Indian law and energy development, including finance, taxation, employment, sovereign immunity, federal environmental laws, water rights and every type of energy resources with the exception of nuclear energy. He has litigated and negotiated in every aspect of energy development; teaches water law at the Seattle University School of Law and is a frequent presenter at CLE programs around the United States.

Ehren Richardson is an Internet Gaming and Marketing Consultant at the Joseph Eve CPA firm. He provides gaming technology and consulting to the casino industry, Internet gaming operators, and casino equipment manufacturers among others. He introduced the industry to the first browser-based casino and poker software in the 1990's and partnered with SEGA gaming to introduce the first virtual horse racing device for casinos. He helped launch online poker gaming in Canada and has helped to launch mobile applications for fantasy sports.

Mary Streitz is the co-chair, along with Skip Durocher, of the Indian and Gaming Law Practice Group at Dorsey & Whitney LLP, based in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mary is a partner in the Tax Group at Dorsey. In her 30 years of practice, she has focused her practice since 1991 in tribal taxation, working with tribes, tribal entities and individual tribal citizens on every type of Tribal, State and Federal tax matter, including exemptions from taxation, tax planning, tax code development, representation in tax controversies involving the IRS and state Departments of Revenue, and litigation in state and federal courts, in matters involving employment taxes, income taxes, property taxes, sales and use taxes and excise and transaction taxes.

Scott Warner is a partner in the Seattle office of Garvey Schubert Barer with extensive experience in the technology sector, business transactions, intellectual property, e-commerce, privacy and data security, web hosting, content development and clearance and domain disputes. He has been recognized as a Super Lawyer by *Washington Law & Politics* magazine and as one of Washington's Most Amazing Lawyers by *Washington CEO Magazine*.