

## THOMAS P. SCHLOSSER, ATTORNEY AT LAW

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MORISSET, SCHLOSSER JOZWIAK & SOMERVILLE, Seattle, Washington

Principal, 1986 — Current

- Represent Indian tribes and tribal organizations in federal litigation, natural resources, business development and Indian property issues, including *Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Ass'n v. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation*, 426 F.3d 1082 (9th Cir. 2005) (Endangered Species Act; salmon); *Hoopa Valley Tribe v. Ryan*, 415 F.3d 986 (9th Cir. 2005) (Tribal Self-Governance Act); *Tanadgusix v. United States*, 404 F.3d 1201 (9th Cir. 2005) (surplus property); *Westlands Water Dist. v. Hoopa Valley Tribe*, 376 F.3d 853 (9th Cir. 2004) (NEPA); *Bugenig v. Hoopa Valley Tribe*, 266 F.3d 1201 (9th Cir. 2001) (delegated authority regarding non-Indians); *Karuk Tribe of California v. United States*, 209 F.3d 1366 (Fed. Cir. 2000) (Indian claims); *Parravano v. Babbitt*, 70 F.3d 539 (9th Cir. 1995) (reserved rights); *Short v. United States*, 50 F.3d 994 (Fed. Cir. 1995) (Indian claims); *Shermoe v. United States*, 982 F.2d 1312 (9th Cir. 1992) (sovereign immunity); *Hoopa Valley Tribe v. Nevins*, 881 F.2d 657 (9th Cir. 1989) (timber yield tax).

ZIONTZ, PIRTLE, MORISSET, ERNSTOFF, CHESTNUT & ANDERSON, Seattle, Washington

Principal, 1982 — 1986; Associate 1979 — 1982

- Represented Indian tribes and tribal organizations in natural resource and tribal property issues, including continuing jurisdiction in *United States v. Washington* (treaty fishing rights); Columbia River hydropower, fisheries and cultural resources matters; Indian tribal enrollment and claims litigation.

EVERGREEN LEGAL SERVICES, Seattle, Washington

Attorney, 1975 — 1979

- Provided legal counsel and representation to small tribes of Western Washington, particularly the continuing jurisdiction litigation in *United States v. Washington*, 459 F.Supp. 1020 (W.D. Wash. 1978) (treaty fishing rights), tribal government ordinance and Constitution matters; participated in appellate work on *Washington v. Fishing Vessel Ass'n*, 443 U.S. 658 (1979) (upholding treaty fishing allocation).

### EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW, Charlottesville, Virginia

1972 — 1975, Juris Doctor; President, Legal Assistance Society, 1974 — 1975

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Washington

1968 — 1970, BA, Political Science

### ASSOCIATIONS & ACTIVITIES

- WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, Admitted 1975
- Member of the Bar of Supreme Court of the United States; 9th, 8th, Federal and District of Columbia Circuit Courts of Appeals; U.S. Tax Court; Eastern and Western Districts of Washington; Northern District of California; Court of Federal Claims; several Tribal Courts.
- Member of Washington State Bar Association Committee of Law Examiners, 2005 -2008; 2012--
- Part-time lecturer, University of Washington School of Law, 2009-; Seattle University School of Law, 2017-
- Moderates an American Indian Law discussion group for lawyers, <http://forums.delphiforums.com/IndianLaw>. Founding member of the Indian Law Section of the Washington State Bar Association. Frequent Continuing Legal Education speaker on Federal Indian law topics. Legal materials published on the web at <http://www.msaj.com> and <http://www.schlosserlawfiles.com>.
- Interested in Philippines, China, anthropology, American Indians, international law, digital technology, birding, kayaking, and backpacking.

▪ **REPRESENTATIVE CURRENT AND FORMER CLIENTS**

**Alaska**

Aleut Community of St. Paul Island  
 Craig Community Association  
 Hydaburg (Native Village)  
 Inupiat Community of the Artic Slope  
 Kake (Organized Village)  
 Ketchikan Indian Corporation  
 POWTEC LLC  
 Qawalangin Tribe  
 Tlingit & Haida Central Council  
 Tanadgusix (TDX) Corporation  
 Yakutat Native Association

**Arizona**

Colorado River Indian Tribe  
 Quechan Indian Tribe  
 Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian  
 Community

**California**

Hoopa Valley Tribe  
 Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians  
 Quechan Indian Tribe  
 Pechanga Tribe  
 Tule River Tribe

**Florida**

Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida

**Kansas**

Prairie Band of Potawatomi

**Michigan**

Saginaw Chippewa Tribe

**Minnesota**

Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa  
 Red Lake Band of Chippewa

**North Dakota**

Devils Lake (Spirit Lake) Sioux Tribe  
 Turtle Mountain Band of  
 Chippewa Indians

**Oklahoma**

Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma  
 Osage Nation  
 Seneca-Cayuga Tribe

**Washington**

Colville Confederated Tribes  
 Lummi Indian Tribe  
 Makah Indian Tribe  
 Muckleshoot Indian Tribe  
 Nisqually Indian Tribe  
 Nooksack Indian Tribe  
 Quileute Indian Tribe  
 Sauk Suiattle Indian Tribe  
 Shoalwater Indian Tribe  
 Skokomish Indian Tribe  
 Suquamish Indian Tribe  
 Swinomish Indian Tribe  
 Tulalip Indian Tribe  
 Yakama Indian Nation

**Tribal and Indian Owned Businesses**

1st American Petroleum  
 Dakota Tribal Industries  
 Devils Lake Sioux Manufacturing (Spirit Lake)  
 Hoopa Development Corporation  
 Hoopa Forest Industries  
 Northwest Indian Fisheries Comm'n