

Indian Law

Jones & Keller offers a full-service Indian Law practice combining the collective expertise of attorneys from the firm's varied practice groups. Our attorneys have represented the interests of over twenty different tribes from all over the United States. The Indian Law practice group represents not only tribes, entities and individuals working with the tribes, but we also represent tribal corporations and entities, whether wholly owned by one or more Tribes or by Tribes and non-Indian partners.

The firm's Indian Law practice covers the broad range of federal Indian law, including tribal government, tribal finance, Indian gaming, and economic development in Indian Country, including natural resources, banking and real estate. The Indian law practice group includes attorneys with expertise in tax, natural resources, oil and gas, insurance, labor, banking, corporate and securities law.

The Indian Law practice group assists Tribes and their business partners in the development of viable and sustainable business enterprises which benefit all members of the Tribe, promote tribal sovereignty, and preserve the cultures and traditions of the Tribe for future generations. The Indian Law practice group has extensive experience in the development of governmental and legal infrastructure, an integral component of sustainable tribal business.

The firm's representations in the Indian Law field include:

- Banking
- Real Estate, including land acquisition, development, and fee-to-trust
- Gaming regulation, development, and financing
- Governmental issues including code development, compacts and intergovernmental agreements with States, and development of legal infrastructure
- Natural Resources development, sustainable use, and regulation
- Promotion of Tribal Sovereignty, including the interaction of various federal laws and regulatory frameworks, including Banking, ERISA, Insurance, Employment, Tax with fundamental concepts of tribal sovereignty.

Significant Representations:

- Formation and initial capitalization of the Native American Bancorporation and its subsidiary Native American Bank, N.A. and the acquisition of Blackfeet National Bank. The Founding Tribes of the Native American Bancorporation are: Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians; Arctic Slope Regional Corporation; Blackfeet Nation; Chippewa Cree Tribe; Eastern Shoshone Tribe; Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation; Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation; Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians; Navajo Nation; Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin; Sealaska Corporation; and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.
- Representation of Tribes in real estate acquisitions and the transfer of land from fee to trust status.
- Financings utilizing leases and leasehold mortgages on trust lands.
- Representation involving the purchase and sale of tribal natural resources.
- Scoping and structure of a \$450,000,000 coal-fired co-generation plant.

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