

## **DERRIL B. JORDAN**

### **EDUCATION**

Cornell Law School, Ithaca, New York, J.D. May 1987

- Lawyers Cooperative Publisher's Award for Academic Achievement in American Indian Law (Cornell, 1987).
- President, American Indian Law Students Association (1984-1986).
- Admissions Office, Recruitment Assistance.
- Counselor (part-time), Cornell University American Indian Program (1985).

Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

- Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) with Specialization in Community Organizing (May 1980).

Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

- Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) Cum laude (May 1979).

### **PROFESSIONAL**

State Bar of Michigan – Member in good standing since May 1988.

State Bar of New Mexico – Member in good standing since May 1994.

New York Bar – Member in good standing since February 1996

Washington, D.C. Bar – Member in good standing since November 2001

Washington State Bar – Member in good standing since April 2019

### **EXPERIENCE**

Maglio, Christopher & Toale, April 2022 to Present

Partner in Washington, D.C. office of national law firm concentrating practice on developing tribal enterprises, strengthening tribal governance, and improving government-to-government relationships between Indian tribes and the federal government.

Peebles, Kidder, Bergin & Robinson, June 2020 to March 2022

Partner in Washington, D.C. office of national law firm specializing in the representation

of Indian tribal governments before Congress, courts and agencies of the United States government.

Quinault Indian Nation, Taholah, WA – Attorney General - December 2017 to June 2020

Chief legal officer of the Nation. Provide advice to the Nation's President and Business Committee. The Office of the Attorney General provides representation of the Nation before Nation Courts and Federal & State courts. Representation is also provided before agencies of the United States, the State of Washington, and local governments. The Office of the Attorney General also represents and advises the Nation's Enterprises, including the gaming Enterprise, and other various Boards and Committees of Nation Government. Responsibilities include the management and supervision of a staff of four other attorneys and support staff.

Jordan Law Offices, PLLC, Washington, D.C. – Owner - June 2010 to November 2017

Founder and owner of Washington, D.C. based practice representing Indian tribes and tribal organizations in matters before Congress, administrative agencies, including the Departments of the Interior and Justice, and before the federal courts.

Fredericks Peebles & Morgan, Washington, D.C. - Partner - July 2008 to May 2010

Resident Washington, D.C. partner in law firm specializing in the representation of Indian tribal governments and organizations in all matters before Congress, administrative agencies, including the Department of the interior and Justice, and before the federal courts.

Nordhaus Law Firm, Washington, D.C. - Of Counsel - January 2008 to July 2008

Of counsel in Washington, D.C. office of national law firm representing Indian tribes and tribal organizations before executive and administrative agencies of the Federal government, and before Congress and the courts. Areas of representation include federal recognition, trust land acquisition, compact approvals, and Indian land determinations under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Anderson Tuell, LLP, Washington, D.C. – Partner - February 2007 to December 2007

Partner in a newly formed, Native American-owned law firm representing Indian tribal governments and other Native American organizations in a variety of matters, including before executive and administrative agencies of the Federal government, and before Congress and the courts. Areas of representation include federal recognition, trust land acquisition, and compact approvals and Indian land determinations under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Monteau & Peebles, Washington, D.C. - Partner - December 2006 to January 2007

Partner in the Washington, D.C. office of a national law firm representing Indian tribal governments before executive and administrative agencies of the Federal government and before Congress and the courts.

Stetson & Jordan P.C., Washington, D.C. – Partner - August 2000 to November 2006 (Of-Counsel 2000-2001)

Responsible for Washington, D.C. office of New Mexico-based law firm. Practice involved the representation of Indian tribal governments and other Native American clients before executive agencies of the Federal government and before Congress and the courts.

United States Department of Interior, Office of the Solicitor, Washington, D.C. - Associate Solicitor, Indian Affairs - June 1997 to July 2000.

Presidential appointee serving as the primary deputy to the Department's Solicitor with regard to Indian affairs. Duties included serving as the primary legal advisor to the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and other BIA Central Office staff. Also participated in briefings of the Secretary of the Interior on Indian affairs issues and provide legal advice to the Office of the Secretary, the Indian Water Rights Office, and Office of the Deputy Secretary. Areas of advice included: numerous aspects of tribal gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), including class III gaming compact approval and related issues, off-reservation trust land acquisitions for gaming purposes and "Indian land" determinations; land claims based on 25 U.S.C. § 177, the Indian Non-Intercourse Act; contracting and compacting under the Indian Self Determination Act and Self-Governance amendments thereto; proposed legislation relating to a variety of subjects, including tribal sovereign immunity and gaming; recognition of Indian groups as tribes under regulations at 25 C.F.R. pt. 83; and matters generally relating to the government-to-government relationship between tribes and the United States.

Other activities included: testimony before Senate Indian Affairs Committee on sovereign immunity and gaming legislation; preparation of congressional testimony for other Departmental witnesses; consultation with various divisions within the Department of Justice, including the Office of the Solicitor General, on litigation strategy in Indian law cases pending in the federal courts, including the United States Supreme Court; advocacy of Departmental and tribal interests with other Executive branch agencies (*e.g.* Departments of Justice, Agriculture, HUD, Commerce, and others); and participation in numerous meetings with tribal leaders and representatives on a myriad of issues.

Responsibilities also included management and supervision of Division of Indian Affairs within the Office of the Solicitor, which included between 35 and 40 attorneys and four support staff.

Special Assistant to the Solicitor - April 1997 to June 1997.

Seneca Nation of Indians, Salamanca, New York - Attorney General - March 1996 to April 1997.  
(Acting status from June 1995 to March 1996.)

Legal adviser to Nation's President and Council. Representation of Nation before Nation Courts and Federal & State courts. Representation of Nation General Enterprises, Gaming Enterprises, and other various Boards and Committees of Nation Government.

Assistant Attorney General - September 1994 to June 1995.

Nordhaus, Haltom, Taylor, Taradash & Frye, Santa Fe, New Mexico - Associate - August 1993 to September 1994.

Representation of tribal clients in areas such as tribal-state jurisdiction, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, membership and enrollment matters, taxation jurisdiction, historic and cultural preservation, tribal code development and general matters.

Birch, Horton, Bittner and Cherot, Washington, D.C. - Associate - June 1992 to June 1993.

Advising clients, especially Alaska Native corporations, about legislative issues and developments and representation of clients in legislative matters. Issue areas included public land and wildlife laws, energy resource matters and economic development legislation.

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, Mount Pleasant, Michigan - Tribal Attorney - May 1988 to June 1992.

Advising Tribal Council, Boards, Committees and staff. Areas of advice included: Federal regulations (C.F.R.), Indian Gaming Regulatory Act; Tribal enrollment; Indian Child Welfare Act; economic development activities; Tribal jurisdictional matters, especially in areas of criminal and taxation jurisdiction; Saginaw Chippewa Distribution of Judgment Fund Act; Constitution and Corporate Charter amendments pertaining to Tribal jurisdiction and economic development; tax exempt bonding; and advising Tribal Court on jurisdictional matters.

Activities included: preparing legal opinions and memoranda; drafting Tribal codes and ordinances; authoring and negotiating contracts and joint venture agreements, etc.; representation of Tribe in Class III gaming compact negotiations with State of Michigan; representation of Tribe before Bureau of Indian Affairs and other Federal agencies and departments; and representation of Tribe in State

and Federal Courts.

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, Mount Pleasant, Michigan - Law Clerk - June 1987 to May 1988.

Powhatan Renape Nation, Rancocas, New Jersey - Program Director Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) - December 1983 to August 1984.

Managed federally-funded job training program under Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) for all American Indians in the State of New Jersey. Responsibilities included program outreach, staff supervision, budget management and Federal regulatory compliance.

United American Indians of the Delaware Valley, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - Counselor and Grants Writer - 1983.

Duties included counseling individuals in areas such as vocational training, higher education and housing. Also responsible for grant writing.

Kensington Action Now, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - Executive Director - 1982 to 1983.

Directed self-help organization dedicated to improvement of neighborhood housing and community living conditions. Responsibilities included the supervision of organizing and housing-development staff, leadership and program development, volunteer recruitment, fund raising, network building, issue strategy, program budget management and administration of day-to-day affairs.

South Bethlehem Coalition, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania - Director and Lead Organizer - 1980 to 1982.

Directed neighborhood self-help organization. Responsibilities included the supervision of staff, research and development of issues and staffing of issue committees (e.g., Community Reinvestment Act, Community Development Block Grants, Housing, and the Executive Board).

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY – Adjunct Professor teaching of basic course in Federal Indian Law to 2nd and 3rd year students. Spring Semester 2007 and 2008, and Fall Semester 2010 and 2012.

Teaching of basic course in Federal Indian Law to 2nd and 3rd year students.

State University of New York at Buffalo Law School, Buffalo, New York - Adjunct Professor in Federal Indian Law. Fall Semester, 1996

Teaching of basic course in Federal Indian Law to 2nd and 3rd year students.

Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Michigan - Adjunct Instructor. Fall Semester, 1988

Designed and taught course on various forms on macro level social work (e.g., program administration, social planning and community organizing).

Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania - Adjunct Instructor - Spring 1981.

Designed and taught a course on community organizing in Social Work Department.

## **REFERENCES**

Available upon request.