

Native Americans

Our work in Indian Country focuses on project development on tribal lands and the management of tribal resources. Through representation of the tribes themselves, or non-Native partners in the construction of infrastructure on tribal lands, we engage tribal leaders and their trustees at the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The goal is to secure for Native Americans and their allies the economic benefits of appropriate development.

We have helped with the licensing of a clean energy generating station on tribal land, the transfer to Indian ownership of a coal mine on its lands, the enhancement of a tribal fishery through removal of antiquated flood control facilities, a tribe's financing and acquisition of valuable second-growth forest lands, and negotiation of permits for traditional native uses within National Parks.

Representative experience

Represent California's largest tribe in the Congress and the executive branch across all of its resource-related concerns.

Advised tribe in Pacific Northwest in support of dam removal project, funding of associated infrastructure, and restoration of native salmon population.

Counseled private university in disposition of Native American artifacts, with cooperation of tribal recipients and NPS under Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

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Practices

Gambling Law

Environment and
Natural Resources

Representing Hawaiian Native educational institution in
defense of its chartered mission.