



Biography
Aurene M. Martin

Aurene Martin is the President of Spirit Rock Consulting, Inc., and a member of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. She has extensive experience in Federal Indian law and policy, having served in both Tribal government as in-house counsel and in the Federal government in key posts responsible for developing Indian law and policy.

At Spirit Rock Consulting, Ms. Martin represents Indian tribes on Federal Indian law and policy issues. She specializes in the areas of Tribal land acquisition and the fee to trust process, Tribal gaming and general Tribal government issues. She also handles a significant number of legislative policy issues.

Prior to entering private practice, Ms. Martin served as Counselor to the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, was elevated to Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, and served for over a year as the Acting Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. Before joining the Department of the Interior, she was Senior Counsel to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs chaired by U.S. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-CO).

Aurene began her career as Senior Staff Attorney of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, where she handled Indian Child Welfare Act litigation, state legislative affairs and gaming matters, and served on the Tribe's compact negotiation team in 1998.

Ms. Martin attended the University of Wisconsin—Madison and the Università di Bologna in Bologna, Italy. She received her Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1993. Ms. Martin is a member of the District of Columbia and Wisconsin State Bar and has served as an officer in the Wisconsin State Bar Indian law section.