

## **Jonodev Chaudhuri**

### **Muscogee Creek Nation Ambassador**

Jonodev O. Chaudhuri serves as Ambassador of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the fourth largest tribal nation in the United States, and among the first to enter into treaty relationships with the US. The creation of the Ambassador position in 2019 renewed a long tradition held by the Muscogee Nation, as well as tribal nations throughout the continent, of utilizing diplomats to engage with other sovereigns on a government-to-government basis. As Ambassador, Chaudhuri works with congress and federal agencies, as well as representatives of tribal nations, states, and other governments to advocate for and advance the interests of the Muscogee Nation.

Chaudhuri is a lawyer by trade, with extensive experience representing tribal nations throughout the US. He has served as a judge for five different tribal nations, including serving as Chief Justice of the Muscogee Nation. Chaudhuri has also held policy positions within the federal government, including service as Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission from 2013-2019, having been nominated by President Obama in 2013 and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate. During his tenure as NIGC Chairman, Chaudhuri oversaw the \$32.4B Indian gaming industry, comprised of approximately 500 gaming facilities, operated by 244 tribal nations across 29 states.

Because of the unique structure of the Ambassador position, and in accordance with tribal law, Mr. Chaudhuri represents select tribal clients on matters that strengthen tribal sovereignty and economic opportunity throughout Indian country. His limited private practice helps him stay abreast of legal developments impacting tribal nations.