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**RESUME OF
SHANNON KELLER O'LOUGHLIN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

PROFILE AND EXPERTISE

Highly accomplished attorney with significant legal experience in Federal Indian law, Indian Nations law and policy, and indigenous peoples international and human rights law and policy. Strong expertise in providing general counsel and in-house legal counsel and developing legal infrastructure in support of Indian Nation governance to maximize self-determination. Significant experience in environmental, energy and cultural resource laws and managing large scale development projects.

As a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the importance of Indian Nation sovereignty is primary in all endeavors. Particular areas of expertise include but are not limited to:

- Regulatory application in the Indian law context, including the Federal Power Act, Clean Water Act, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, National Environmental Policy Act
- Administrative adjudication
- Negotiation, consultation and developing agreements with other governments, businesses and entities
- Federal Indian law research and analysis, and litigation support
- Health, housing, family and children matters
- Tribal Courts administration and internal Indian Nation law and policy development
- Commercial negotiations and transactions on behalf of Indian governments with non-Indian businesses
- Self-Determination Act contracting
- Civil and criminal jurisdiction in Indian Country
- Sovereign immunity
- Treaty rights, including hunting and fishing, water and usufructury rights

Appointments:

- Cultural Property Advisory Committee, Appointed by President Barack Obama, September 2016-present
- NAGPRA Review Committee, Appointed by U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, September 2013 through April 2015 (resigned due to federal employment with the NIGC).

Bar memberships include:

- Arizona State Bar, October 29, 2001, retired and in good standing
- District of Columbia Bar, March 6, 2006, active and in good standing
- New York State Bar, March 2, 2007, active and in good standing

Association memberships include:

- National Native American Bar Association
- Native American Bar Association of New York
- Federal Bar Association, Indian Law Section
- Lawyers Committee for Cultural Heritage Preservation

CAREER OVERVIEW

National Indian Gaming Commission, Washington, D.C. May 2015–September 2017. Chief of Staff under Chairman Jonodev Osceola Chaudhuri. Provided policy counsel to the Chairman and the Commission. Implemented policy, while overseeing and managing the divisions of finance, compliance, technology and public affairs within the agency and worked closely with the agency's Office of General Counsel as well as other Executive Agencies and Congress.

Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, LLP, Washington, D.C. March 2013–May 2015. Partner and Chair of the Indian Nations practice group. Originated the Indian Nations practice group and managed all Indian Nation client relationships; provided legal counsel to Indian Nation governments, Tribally owned entities, Indian owned entities, and not-for-profit entities working in Indian Country.

Sole Practitioner Attorney, New York and Washington, D.C., November 2006–February 2010, and October 2010–February 2013. Indian law practice for Indian Nation governments, Tribally owned entities, and not-for profit organizations working on Indian Nation matters.

NAGPRA Civil Penalties Coordinator, U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Washington, D.C., October 2011–March 2013. Government contractor reviewing Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act civil penalty allegations and making recommendations to the National NAGPRA Program.

Seneca Nation of Indians Assistant Counsel, Allegany Territory, February 2010–October 2010. In-house legal counsel working on issues including but not limited to economic, resource and energy development, healthcare, infrastructure development, commercial, environmental and grant transactions.

Dreyer Boyajian Associate Attorney, Albany, New York, October 2005–November 2006. Indian law practice, including litigation.

Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P. Associate Attorney, Phoenix, Arizona, March 2004–September 2005. Commercial litigation, including international commercial litigation and arbitration, as well as Indian law commercial litigation and transactional practice.

Galbut & Hunter, P.C. Associate Attorney, Phoenix, Arizona, July 2002–March 2004. Commercial litigation, business transactions, securities arbitration, civil appellate work, health care law, probate and estates, and developed strong skills in negotiation, mediation and arbitration.

Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One, Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable Daniel A. Barker, Phoenix, Arizona, August 2001–July 2002.

EDUCATION

University of Arizona College of Law, Tucson, Arizona, Juris Doctorate – May 2001

- GPA 3.3/4.0
- Dean's List, Spring 2000, Fall 2000, and Spring 2001 (3.50 or higher)
- 2001 National Native American Law Students Association "3L Student of the Year"
- Admissions Committee Student Representative, 2000–2001
- Native American Law Students Association, President, 1999–2000; Secretary, 1998–1999

University of Arizona American Indian Studies Graduate Programs, Tucson, Arizona

Masters of Arts in Federal Indian and Tribal Law and Policy – May 2001

- GPA 4.0/4.0
- American Indian Studies Graduate Student Council, Co-Founder & Co-Chair, 1998–1999

California State University, Long Beach, Bachelor of Arts in American Indian Studies – May 1997

- GPA 4.0/4.0 and President's Honor List, 1995–1997
- *Outstanding Graduating Senior* from the College of Liberal Arts, May 1997
- Ronald E. McNair Scholars Award, 1996–1997
- American Indian Leaders Conference and Executive Pow Wow Committees, 1995–1997
- American Indian Student Council, Vice-President, 1995–1996