

**STACY L. LEEDS**  
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**Education**

LL.M. University of Wisconsin, School of Law, 2000  
J.D. University of Tulsa, College of Law, 1997  
M.B.A. University of Tennessee, Haslam College of Business, 2010  
B.A. Washington University in St. Louis, College of Arts & Sciences, 1994

**Current Academic Roles**

**Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law**, 2019-present  
Foundation Professor of Law & Leadership, (2021-present)  
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Distinguished Visiting Professor (Fall 2019)

**University of Arkansas School of Law**, 2018-present  
Dean Emeritus

**Prior Professional Experience**

**University of Arkansas**, 2011-2020  
Inaugural Vice Chancellor for Economic Development (2017-2020); Dean, School of Law (2011-2018);  
Professor of Law (2011-2020)

**Cherokee Nation**, 2002-2020  
Justice, Cherokee Nation Supreme Court (2002-2006); Chairperson, Cherokee Nation Gaming  
Commission (2013-2016); Special Attorney Advisor, Office of Attorney General (2016-2020); Board of  
Trustees, Cherokee National Historical Society, Inc. (2005-2008)

**Northeastern State University (Oklahoma)**, 2015-2016  
Sequoyah Fellow, College of Liberal Arts

**United States Department of Interior**, 2011-2013  
Commissioner, National Commission on American Indian Trust Administration and Reform

**University of Kansas**, 2003-2011  
Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (2010-2011); Director, Tribal Law & Government Center  
and Professor of Law (2003-2011); Acting Director, Indigenous Nations Studies (2006-2007); Senior  
Administrative Fellow, Office of Provost (2006-2007)

**University of North Dakota School of Law**, 2000-2003  
Director, Northern Plains Indian Law Center & Assistant Professor

**Harvard University**, 2008-2009  
Non-Resident Fellow, W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African & African American Research (2008-2009)  
(now Hutchins Center)

**University of Wisconsin School of Law** 1998-2000  
William H. Hastie Fellow

### **Additional Teaching**

University of Montana Alexander Blewett III School of Law Summer Indian Law Program (2021); National Science Foundation, CRED I-Corps (2019-2020), National Judicial College (2002-present); University of New Mexico School of Law Pre-Law Summer Institute (2001 & 2002); Law School Admission Council Pipelines: NA-PLUS (2009,) PLUS (2012-2017); Haskell Indian Nations University (2003-2009); Haskell Indian Nations University School of Business (2003-2010); University of Tulsa College of Law (Summers 2003-2006; Spring 2007); Turtle Mountain Community College (2000-2002); U.S. Department of Interior & U.S. Department of Justice funded Trial Advocacy and Tribal Judicial Trainings (2002-present)

### **Subjects Taught**

Law School: Federal Indian Law, Property, Professional Responsibility, Oil and Gas, Remedies, American Indian Law Clinic, Tribal Business and Economic Development, Native Natural Resources, Tribal Law, Indian Gaming

Graduate School and Executive Education: Legal Issues in Higher Education, Sovereignty and Self-Determination, Intellectual Property for Economic Development, Ethics and Professional Responsibility

Undergraduate: Fundamentals of Tribal Sovereignty in Business, Hot Topics: Legal Issues, Indian Gaming, Cherokee Legal History

### **Distinguished Memberships**

American Law Institute, Member, 2013-present (by member election)  
American Bar Foundation, Fellow, 2015- present (by member election)

### **Judicial and Dispute Resolution Experience**

#### Appellate Level

Justice, Rincon Band of Luiseño Indian Court of Appeals Panel (2019-present)  
Judge, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Court of Appeals (2016-present)  
Justice, Kaw Nation Supreme Court (2005-2011)  
Chief Justice, Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma Supreme Court (2001-2011)  
Justice, Cherokee Nation Supreme Court (2002-2006)  
Judge, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Court of Appeals (2003-2005)

#### Trial Level and ADR

Muscogee (Creek) Nation, District Court Judge (2020-present)  
American Arbitration Association Panel: Seneca Nation v. New York (2012-2013)  
Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, Special District Court Judge (2011)  
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Inaugural Healing to Wellness Judge (2010-2011)  
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Chief District Court Judge (2008-2011)  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Special District Court Judge (2004)

## Court Administration & Evaluation

Tribal Justice Systems Evaluator, as part of Bureau of Indian Affairs Office  
(subcontract of A. Diane Hammons Law Firm (as needed 2018-present))  
National Judicial College, Tribal Advisory Board and Faculty (2005-present)  
National American Indian Court Judges Association (2008-2011)  
Arkansas Code Revision Commission, Ex Officio (2011-2018)  
Arkansas Continuing Legal Education Board (2011-2018)  
American Bar Association Judicial Division, Tribal Courts Council, Chair (2006-2008)  
Kansas Judicial Council Advisory Committee on Judicial Performance, Member (2005)

## Publications

### Books and Major Reports

MASTERING AMERICAN INDIAN LAW (Angelique EagleWoman and Stacy L. Leeds, 2nd edition, Carolina Academic Press 2019)

MASTERING AMERICAN INDIAN LAW (Angelique EagleWoman and Stacy L. Leeds, Carolina Academic Press 2013)

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON INDIAN TRUST ADMINISTRATION AND REFORM TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR (submitted to the Secretary of Interior December 10, 2013)(commissioner and co-author with Robert Anderson)

### Books In Progress

AMERICAN INDIAN TAX LAW (Stacy L. Leeds and Lonnie R. Beard)(under contract with Carolina Academic Press for December 2021 submission)

CHEROKEE JUSTICE: TALTON V. MAYES AND THE REVITALIZATION OF TRIBAL COURTS (Stacy L. Leeds and Taiwagi Helton)(targeted 2021 manuscript submission)

AMERICAN INDIAN LAW: NATIVE NATIONS AND THE FEDERAL SYSTEM (8<sup>th</sup> ed. Golberg, Tsosie, Clinton, Riley, Hedden-Nicely, Leeds)(casebook revision targeted late 2022 publication date)

### Book Chapters and Other Contributions

RESTATEMENT OF THE LAW: THE LAW OF AMERICAN INDIANS (Fletcher, Singel, Smith ed, forthcoming American Law Institute, 2022)(served as an Advisor)

*Indigenous Foresight Under Duress and the Modern Applicability of Allotment Agreements* (Afterward) in ALLOTMENT STORIES: INDIGENOUS RESPONSES TO LAND PRIVATIZATION (Daniel Heath Justice and Jean M. O'Brien, University of Minnesota Press forthcoming 2020-21) (contributing author)

*Commentary on Johnson v. M'Intosh* in *Feminist Judgments: Rewritten Property Opinions of the United States Supreme Court* (Eloisa C. Rodriguez-Dod and Elena Maria Marty-Nelson, Cambridge Press, forthcoming 2020-2021)( advisory panel and contributing author)

*Pipeline into Law School/Legal Profession* (Introduction) in THE PURSUIT OF INCLUSION: AN IN-DEPTH EXPLORATION OF THE EXPERIENCES AND PERSPECTIVES OF NATIVE AMERICAN ATTORNEYS IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION (National Native American Bar Association, 2015)(contributing author)

*The Story of an Unnamed Victim, an Unreported Decision, and an All Too Common Injustice* Chapter 13: A Tribal Court Domestic Violence Case in WOMEN AND THE LAW STORIES (Elizabeth M. Schneider and Stephanie M. Wildman, Foundation Press, 2011)(contributing author)

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN INDIAN POLICY, RELATIONS, AND LAW (Paul Finkelman & Tim Alan Garrison, CQ Press, 2009)(editorial advisory board and contributing author)

*Indian Treaty Making: A Native View* in TREATIES WITH AMERICAN INDIANS: AN ENCYCLOPEDIA OF RIGHTS, CONFLICTS AND SOVEREIGNTY (Donald L. Fixico, ABC-CLIO, 2007)(contributing author)

FELIX S. COHEN'S HANDBOOK OF FEDERAL INDIAN LAW (Nell Jessup Newton 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. 2005, Lexis/Nexus)(contributing author to property law sections)

*Chapter 16: Native American Tribal Property* in A POLITICAL HISTORY OF NATIVE AMERICANS (Donald A. Grinde CQ Press, 2003)(contributing author)

#### Articles and Essays

*A Familiar Crossroads: McGirt v. Oklahoma and the Future of the Federal Indian Law Canon*, 51 N.M. L. Rev. \_\_\_\_ (2021) (with Dylan R. Hedden-Nicely)

*A Wealth of Sovereign Choices: Tax Implications of McGirt v. Oklahoma and the Promise of Tribal Economic Development*, 56 Tulsa L. Rev. \_\_\_\_ (2021) (with Lonnie R. Beard)(*McGirt v. Oklahoma* symposium issue)

*Beyond an Emergency Declaration: Tribal Governments and the Opioid Crisis*, 67 KAN. L. REV. 1013 (2019)

[Dis]Respecting the Role of Tribal Court, Human Rights, 42 Hum. Rts. 20 (2016-2017)

*Whose Sovereignty? Tribal Citizenship, Federal Indian Law, and Globalization*, 46 ARIZ. ST. L. J. 89 (2014)(with Erin Shirl)

*Coming Full Circle: A Tribute to Professor Jim Jones*, 2013 WISC. L. REV. 733 (2013)

*Resistance, Resilience, and Reconciliation: Reflections on Native American Women and the Law*, 34 THOMAS JEFFERSON L. REV. 303 (2012)(with Elizabeth Mashie Gunsaulis)

*Reassessing Concurrent Tribal-State-Federal Criminal Jurisdiction in Kansas*, 59 KAN. L. REV. 949 (2011)(with John Francis, Aliza Organick and Jelani Jefferson Exum)

*Defeat or Mixed Blessing: Tribal Sovereignty and the State of Sequoyah*, 43 TULSA L. REV. 5 (2007)

*Moving Toward Exclusive Tribal Autonomy Over Lands and Natural Resources*, 45 NAT. RESOURCES J. 439 (2006)

*By Eminent Domain or Some Other Name: A Tribal Perspective on Taking Land*, 41 TULSA L. REV. 51 (2005)

*Borrowing from Blackacre: Expanding Tribal Land Base and Economies Through the Creation of Future Interests*, 80 N.D. L. REV. 827 (2004)

*Order and Decision of the Court, Supreme Court of the American Indian Nations: Julia Martinez v. Santa Clara Pueblo*, 2003 Tribal Law and Government Conference Case Reconsideration, 14 KAN. J. L. & PUB. POL'Y 91 (2004)

*The More Things Stay the Same: Waiting on Indian Law's Brown v. Board of Education*, 38 TULSA L. REV. 73 (2002)

*The Burning of Blackacre: A Step Toward Reclaiming Tribal Property Law*, 10 KAN. J. L. & PUB. POL'Y 491 (2001)

*Cross-Jurisdictional Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments: A Tribal Court Perspective*, 76 N.D. L. REV. 311 (2000)

*Recognition and Enforcement of Tribal Court Judgments in Oklahoma: Policy and Procedure Considerations for Future Compliance with Federal Mandates*, XII SOVEREIGNTY SYMPOSIUM 3-13 (1999)

*Tobacco Litigation in Tribal Courts: A Double Standard in Waiting?*, XI SOVEREIGNTY SYMPOSIUM 98 (1998)

*Southern Ute Indian Tribe v. Amoco Production Company: Judicial Construction of Coalbed Methane Gas Ownership*, 17 ENERGY L. J. 489 (1996)

#### Other Publications

*What the Landmark Supreme Court Decision Means for Policing Indigenous Oklahoma*, SLATE (OpEd, July 10, 2020)

*Voices: Women in the Tribal Judiciary*, Perspectives Magazine, Commission on Women in the Profession, American Bar Association (Vol 13:4, Spring 2005)

#### **Keynote and Public Lectures**

*Women as (Everyday) Leaders*, Keynote Address, Women's Academic Leadership Workshop, Chancellor's Commission on Women, University of Arkansas, June 2018

*Ensuring the Narrative for Contemporary Empowerment: The Cherokee Experience*, Plenary Keynote Address, Society of Southwest Archivists Annual Meeting, May 2017

*The Flagship, the Land Grant, and the Responsibility to be Better*, Keynote Address, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Diversity Summit, University of Tennessee, March 2017

*In Pursuit of Pragmatism*, Keynote Address, Annual Legal Education Opportunities (LEO) Banquet, University of Wisconsin, March 2016

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*Sustaining the Legacy of Sequoyah: Cherokee Governance and Higher Education*, Sequoyah Fellow Lecture Series, Northeastern State University, January 2016

*Tribal Governance and Community Sustainability*, Keynote, American Indian Science and Engineering Society Luncheon, 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Symposium on the American Indian, Northeastern State University, April 2014

*The Extraordinary as Everyday Ordinary*, Keynote Address, Gates Millennium Scholars Program National Leadership Conference, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, November 2013

*Community Empowerment: Access to Higher Education, Access to Justice*, 26<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education, May 2013

*Communication Across Generations, Gender and Culture*, Keynote Address, Women in Law Conference and Mona Salyer Spotlight Awards Luncheon of the Oklahoma Bar Association, September 2013

*Whose Sovereignty? Tribal Citizenship, Federal Indian Law, and Globalization*, Sixth Annual William C. Canby Jr. Lecture, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, January 2013

*Tribal Courts and Native American Governments*, University Lecture Series, Center for Comparative Native and Indigenous Studies, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Germany, December 2012

*Resistance, Resilience, and Reconciliation: Reflections on Native American Women and the Law*, Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lecture, 10th Anniversary Women and the Law Conference, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, February 2011

*Recent United States Supreme Court Indian Law Decisions and the Threat to Tribal Economies*, Keynote Address, Indian Law Clinic Symposium, co-sponsored by the University of New Mexico, Washburn University School of Law, University of Denver Sturm College of Law and Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, June 2009

*Sovereignty and Consequences: Cherokee Legal History and Freedmen Citizenship*, Inaugural Alphonse Fletcher, Sr. Lecture, Harvard University, May 2009

### **Selected Presentations and Panels**

*Tribal Autonomy and the End of Violence Against Indigenous Women*, Post-Performance Panel on the Legal Significance of SOVEREIGNTY: A Play by Mary Kathryn Nagle, hosted by Theatre for a New Audience, November 1, 2020

*The Aftermath of McGirt v. Oklahoma*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual ICWA and Child Welfare Conference hosted by the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, October 22, 2020

*McGirt and Muscogee (Creek) Nation Historical and Legal Context: A View from the Courtroom on Implementation*, 51<sup>st</sup> Annual National Tribal Judicial and Court Personnel Conference hosted by the National Association of American Indian Court Judges Association, October 21, 2020

*Understanding McGirt v. Oklahoma and the Future of Federal Indian Law*, National Indian Law Working Group, United States Environmental Protection Agency, September 22, 2020

Stacy Leeds, Summer 2021

*What Does the Supreme Court's Decision in McGirt v. Oklahoma Mean for Natural Resources Development in the United States*, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Webinar on *McGirt v. Oklahoma*, September 10, 2020

*The Most Significant Indian Law Case of the Century, McGirt v. Oklahoma*, Arizona State University Indian Legal Program Webinar, July 23, 2020

*McGirt v. Oklahoma Supreme Court Oral Arguments: An Analysis of the History, Law, and Arguments of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Reservation Case*, National American Indian Court Judges Association Webinar, June 3, 2020

*Financial Inclusion and Supporting Underserved Communities, Economic Inclusion and Growth: The Way Forward (A Conference on Domestic Economic Policy)*, Clinton Presidential Center, November 2019

*Indigenous Land Tenure Systems in the United States and the Cherokee Legacy of Allotment: Highlighting UNDRIP Conformity Challenges*, United Nations Seminar of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on the Right to Land, Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa, September 2019

*Ethical Issues in Sports Law*, Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association, SEC Continuing Legal Education Series, October 2016

*Being a Leader, Promoting Diversity in Law School Leadership*, co-hosted by University of Washington School of Law, the Seattle University School of Law and the Society for American Law Teachers, August 2016

*Tribal Courts in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice, American Bar Association Annual Meeting, August 2016

*Food Sovereignty: The Role of Tribal Governments*, 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Coming Together of the Peoples Conference, University of Wisconsin School of Law, March 2016

*Recent Developments in Ethics and Professional Responsibility*, 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Natural Resources Law Institute, Arkansas Bar Association, February 2016

*Trust Reform in the Wake of Cobell*, Conference on Restoring the Public Trust: Cobell v. Jewel and Beyond, Indian Land Tenure Foundation, July 2014

*History of Native Women and the Law*, Federal Bar Association's Women in the Law Power and Progress Conference, July 2014

*External Accountability and Sovereignty Assurances*, Panel on Accountability, Tribal Law, and Human Rights, Law Review Symposium on Indian Tribes and Human Rights Accountability, Michigan State University School of Law, October 2012

*Federal Indian Law in the Modern U.S. Supreme Court*, Constitutional Law Workshop: Federal Indian Law as Federal Indian Law as Pretext for First Amendment, Legal History, and Equal Protection Jurisprudence, Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference, August 2012

*Tribal Authority and Jurisdiction*, Conference on American Indian Law, The American Law Institute, March 2012

*Perceptions of Justice: A Dialogue on Color, Ethnicity, and the Courts*, Judicial Division Program of ABA Midyear Meeting, February 2012

*Membership: Inherent Sovereignty and Federal Limitations*, Symposium of Membership and Recognition at the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii, February 2012

*Where & How: Succeeding in the Selection Process*, Third Biennial Workshop: Promoting Diversity in Law School Leadership, University of Seattle School of Law, September 2011

*Cost and Benefits of Land into Trust*, Treaty to Trust to Carcieri: The Economic Future of Indian Lands Conference, Arizona State University School of Law, April 2011

*Race and Indigeneity*, Opening Plenary Panel, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Critical Race Studies Symposium: Race and Sovereignty, UCLA School of Law, March 2011

*Past, Present and Future: Innovations in Tribal Property Law*, 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Coming Together of the Peoples Conference, University of Wisconsin School of Law, March 2011

*From the Classroom to the Courts: The Battlegrounds of Affirmative Action, Sex Discrimination, and Title IX*, Women in Higher Education: Power, Progress, & The Promise of Equality Conference, University of Minnesota, October 2010

### **Selected Honors and Awards**

American Bar Association, Spirit of Excellence Award, 2013

Cherokee National Statesmanship Award, 2014

Alphonse Fletcher, Sr. Fellowship, 2008

Cherokee National Historical Society, Contemporary Achievement Award, 2013

Nat'l American Indian Court Judges' Assoc., Inaugural Outstanding Service Award, 2013

National Leaders in Law School Diversity, *The National Jurist*, 2015

Association of American Law Schools, Clyde Ferguson, Jr. Award, 2006

Howard M. and Susan Immel Award for Teaching Excellence at University of Kansas, 2005

Higher Education Diversity Lifetime Achievement Award, NWA Dem. Black Caucus, 2017

Alumna of the Year, National Native American Law Student Association, 2003

### **Corporate and Nonprofit Board Service**

#### **Financial, Business and Economic Development Boards**

Kituwah, LLC, (Eastern Band Cherokee), Founding Board Member, 2018-present

Akiptan, Inc. (CDFI), Vice President and Board of Directors, 2018-present

The Sustainability Consortium, Managing Board, 2018-2020

Arkansas Research and Technology Park, Board of Directors, 2018-2020

Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors, 2017-2020

Northwest Arkansas Council, Executive Committee, 2017, ex officio, 2018-2020

Arvest Bank (Fayetteville), Board of Directors, 2016-2020

Arkansas Bar Foundation Trust Committee, Board of Directors, 2011-2017

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### Higher Education and Community Empowerment Boards

American Indian Graduate Center, Inc., Board of Trustees, 2015-present  
American Indian Resource Center, Inc., Board of Directors, 2020-present  
Winthrop Rockefeller Institute, Board Member, 2018-2020  
Law School Admission Council, Board of Trustees, 2017-2019  
Pearson Educational Foundation, Board of Trustees, 2012-2019

### Arts and Humanities Boards

Theatre Squared, Board of Directors, 2018-present  
Cherokee National Historical Society, Inc. Board of Trustees, 2005-2007

### Health Systems Boards

Arkansas Children's Hospital Northwest, Board of Trustees, 2017-2020  
St. Luke's Health System, Crittenton Children's Center, Board of Directors, 2003-2004

### **Other Legal Experience**

Leeds Consulting LLC, 2006-present  
Interim Executive Director, National American Indian Court Judges Association, 2010-2011  
Attorney, Legal Advocates for Indian Country, LLP, 1997-2000  
Clerk, Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, 1997-1998  
Clerk, Native American Rights Fund, 1996

### **Bar Licenses and Professional Associations**

State of Oklahoma (1997-present)  
Cherokee Nation (1998-present)  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation (1997-2011 and 2020-present)  
United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas (2018-present)  
United States District Court for North Dakota (2001-present)  
Arkansas Bar Association (associate member, 2011-present)  
National American Indian Court Judges Association  
Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma (inactive)  
Kaw Nation (inactive)  
American Bar Association  
National Native American Bar Association  
Oklahoma Indian Bar Association