

# MARY KATHRYN NAGLE

Citizen of the Cherokee Nation

## EXPERIENCE:

**Solo Practitioner**, Washington D.C., March 2022—to present

*Partner/Solo Practitioner*

Continued representation of the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center an advocacy on the Violence Against Women Act and other legislative issues, including Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives. Federal court litigation to protect sacred sites and Native burials. Representation of numerous Tribal Gaming Regulatory Authorities (TGRAs), drafting of gaming regulations, and representing Tribal Nations in the federal regulatory process before the National Indian Gaming Commission. Consulting with Tribal Nations regarding tribal court buildout.

**Northeastern University Law School**, Boston, Massachusetts, Spring 2024

*Adjunct Professor*

Teaching a seminar on federal Indian law and safety for Native women.

**Pipestem and Nagle Law P.C.**, Washington D.C., 2015 – March 2022

*Partner*

Significant advocacy for domestic violence and sexual assault victims, including providing congressional testimony, assisting Congressional staffers with drafting MMIW and VAWA related legislation. Representation of the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center in its VAWA Sovereignty Project, a Project designed to protect and preserve the inherent sovereignty of Tribal Nations to protect their women and children. Pursuant to this project, authoring and filing amicus briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court highlighting the impacts certain decisions will have on safety for Native women and children, including *Dollar General v. Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians*, *Voisine v. United States*, *Bryant v. United States*, *Murphy v. Carpenter*, *Gamble v. United States*, *McGirt v. Oklahoma*, *United States v. Cooley*, *Denezpi v. United States*, *Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta*, and *Brackeen v. Haaland*. Representation of MMIW victims' families in working to secure FBI investigations and USAO prosecutions.

**Yale Indigenous Performing Arts Program**, New Haven, Connecticut, 2015 – June 2019

*Executive Director*

Directing an organization at Yale University purposed to develop and support the voices of Native artists on the American stage in an effort to replace the dehumanization of Native Peoples with an authentic representation.

**Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP**, New York City, New York, November 2010—2015

*Fifth Year Litigation Associate*

Researching and drafting memoranda, motions, and briefs for district and appellate courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court. Preparing outlines and exhibits for depositions and cross-examinations at trial. Significant work developing key litigation representing the Federal Housing Finance Agency in claims against the top financial institutions for their role in the 2008 residential-mortgage backed securities fallout and housing crisis, leading to record breaking settlements and billions dollars in recovery for the federal agency.

**United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit**, Austin, Texas, 2009 – 2010

*Law Clerk to the Honorable Fortunato P. Benavides*

Researching and drafting bench memoranda and opinions for Judge Benavides in broad array of criminal and civil appeals. Assisted Judge in preparation of testimony before the U.S. Sentencing Commission regarding recommended changes to the Sentencing Guidelines.

**United States District Court, District of Nebraska**, Omaha, Nebraska, 2008 –2009

*Law Clerk to the Honorable Chief Laurie Smith Camp and the Honorable Joseph Bataillon*

Drafted opinions for dispositive motions in civil and criminal cases, including transferee cases from the Federal MDL Panel. Wrote and produced play in the Courthouse for the anniversary of the historic Standing Bear Trial.

**MEMBERSHIPS:**

- American Law Institute, 2019—ongoing

**BARS:**

- Virginia, New York, Oklahoma, Washington, D.C., as well as numerous federal appellate and district courts including: the U.S. Supreme Court, D.C. Circuit, Fifth Circuit, Eighth Circuit, and Tenth Circuit.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

- *Parents Involved* and the Myth of the Colorblind Constitution, 26 HARV. J. ON RACIAL & ETHNIC JUST. 212 (Spring 2010).
- *Tracing the Origins of Fairly Traceable: The Black Hole of Private Climate Change Litigation*, 85 TUL. L. REV. 477 (2010).
- *Standing Bear v. Crook: The Case for Equality under Waaxe's Law*, 45 CREIGHTON L. REV. 455 (2012).
- *Nothing to Trust: The Unconstitutional Origins of the Post-Dawes Act Trust Doctrine*, 48 TULSA L. REV. 63 (2012).
- *Return to Worcester: Dollar General and the Restoration of Tribal Jurisdiction to Protect Native Women and Children*, 41 HARV. J. G. & L. 180 (2018) (co-authored with Sarah Deer).
- *McGirt v. Oklahoma: A Victory for Native Women*, Geo. Wash. L. Rev. On the Docket (Oct. Term 2019) (co-authored with Sarah Deer).

**EDUCATION:**

**Tulane University Law School**, New Orleans, Louisiana

Juris Doctor, May 2008

*Summa cum laude*; Order of the Coif

**Honors:** *Judge John Minor Wisdom Award*, Tulane Law School Faculty awarded.  
*James F. Kilroy Provost's Award*, Tulane University Provost selected.  
*Tulane 34 Award*, Tulane University President selected.  
*Tulane Law Review*, Symposium Editor, Volume 82 (organized two symposia).

**Activities:** Student Attorney: Tulane Environmental Law Clinic

**Georgetown University**, Washington, D.C.

Bachelor of Arts, May 2005