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Dr. Tucker was co-counsel with NARF in *Toyukak v. Treadwell*, the first language assistance case under the Voting Rights Act (VRA) fully tried to a decision since 1980. *Toyukak* was settled in 2015 following the Court's finding that Alaska violated Section 203 by failing to provide language assistance to Gwich'in and Yup'ik speaking Alaska Native voters in three regions of Alaska. Dr. Tucker also served as co-counsel with NARF and the ACLU's Alaska affiliate in *Nick v. Bethel*, the first successful case brought on behalf of Alaska Natives under the VRA's language and voter assistance provisions. Other cases in which Dr. Tucker has served as co-counsel with NARF include *Samuelson v. Treadwell*, an enforcement action under Section 5 of the VRA, *Alaska v. United States*, a constitutional challenge to Section 5, and as amicus curiae counsel for briefs filed on behalf of Alaska Natives in *Shelby County v. Holder* and *Northwest Austin Municipal Utility District No. 1 v. Holder*, constitutional challenges to Section 5.