

Fawn R. Sharp



Education:

Certificate, International Human Rights Law, Oxford University, 2003
Certificate, National Judicial College, University of Nevada, Reno, 1995
Juris Doctorate (J.D.), University of Washington, 1995
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Gonzaga University, 1990
Associate of Arts (A.A.), Grays Harbor College, 1988
High School Diploma, Lighthouse Christian Academy, 1986

Experience:

President/ Chief Executive Officer, Quinault Indian Nation (March, 2006 – Present). Responsibilities include: planning, directing, and overseeing the governmental, commercial, and legislative functions of the Quinault Indian Nation, an Indian tribe located on the coast of southwest Washington state.

Reservation Attorney & Lead Counsel, Quinault Indian Nation (November, 1998 – March, 2006). Responsibilities include: plan, direct, manage and coordinate comprehensive legal services for the Quinault Indian Nation; provide counsel to the President of the Quinault Indian Nation, Quinault Tribal Council, staff, committees and commissions; represent the Quinault Indian Nation at various court levels, tribunals and at administrative hearings.

Administrative Law Judge, Washington State, Department of Revenue, Tax Appeals Division (May 1998 – November, 1998). Presided over administrative hearings, researched tax questions, and issued written opinions.

Associate Judge, Quinault Tribal Court (July, 1995 – November, 1998). Appointed by the Quinault Indian Nation to preside over criminal and civil cases in the Quinault Tribal Court and issued written opinions.

Of Counsel, Phillips, Krause & Brown (July, 1995 – September, 1997). Represented clients in family law, landlord tenant, and probate cases and received extensive experience in motions practice and trial work.

Leadership Positions:

Board Member, Salmon Defense (2005 – present). Serve on the governing board of a non-profit, whose mission is to protect and defend Pacific Northwest salmon and salmon habitat.

Trustee, Grays Harbor College, (2004-2018). Appointed by Governors Locke and Gregoire to serve on the governing board of Grays Harbor College, located in Aberdeen, Washington.

Governor, Washington State Bar Association (2002 – 2005). The Board of Governors is the governing body of the Washington State Bar Association, an association of over 22,000 attorneys.

Team Leader, American Indian/ Alaska Native Sovereignty Run (September 11, 2001 – October 7, 2002) – Planned, coordinated and led a transcontinental relay run covering the width of the United States through 13 states from the coast of the State of Washington to Washington, D.C. The 2800-mile run raised national and international sovereignty awareness, united tribes and tribal supporters throughout Indian country; and raised financial support for national legislation to restore tribal sovereignty within reservation lands. The run culminated in a tribal rally on the front steps of the U.S. Supreme Court on October 7, 2002, which was the opening day of the Court's 2003 term.

Co-Chair, National Congress of American Indian, Sovereignty Protection Initiative. (September, 2001 – 2006). Appointed by tribal leaders from Indian Nations throughout the United States to co-chair efforts to support the Sovereignty Protection Initiative.

Trustee, Washington State Bar Association, Indian Law Section, Board of Trustees (2001- 2004).

Vice-President and Founding Member, National Intertribal Tax Alliance (April, 1999 – September, 2002).

Board Member/ Secretary, Quinault Nation Enterprise Board, Board of Directors (October, 1999 – April, 2002). The Board is responsible for the executive and management oversight of six tribal enterprises, including the Quinault Beach Resort & Casino, Quinault Land and Timber Enterprise, Quinault Marina Development, Quinault Pride Seafood, two retail stores and the Quinault Cable Enterprise.

Lectures:

A History of Federal Indian Policy and What That Means for Tribal Taxing Authority, Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA (February, 2004)

“Lawyers as Leaders,” Washington State Bar Association CLE, Bellevue, WA (November, 2003)

“Federal Indian Policy and the Indian Child Welfare Act,” Washington State Bar Association, Family Law Mid-Annual Meeting, Ocean Shores, WA (June, 2003)

“Native Women in Contemporary Leadership,” Seattle, WA (April, 2003)

“Moral Leadership: Celebrating the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.”
Aberdeen Museum, Aberdeen, WA. (January, 2003)

“Federal and State Regulation of Tribal Business Enterprises on Indian Reservations,” 15th Annual Indian Law Symposium, University of Washington (September, 2002)

“Tribal Economic Development: The Quinault Beach Resort & Casino,” Washington State Bar Association, Board of Governor’s Summer Retreat, Ocean Shores, Washington (July, 2002)

“Tribal Fee Land Use Regulation,” Washington State Bar Association, Indian Law Section, Spring CLE: Indian Resources and Authorities in 2002 - Challenges and Opportunities for Indian Country (May, 2002)

“State-Tribal Taxing Authority: Solutions in Solving Competing Interests,” 3rd Annual National Intertribal Tax Alliance, Ocean Shores, WA (September, 2001)

“State-Tribal Tax Interests,” 2nd Annual National Intertribal Tax Alliance, Tulsa, Oklahoma (August, 2000)

“Developing Tribal Tax Systems,” 1st Annual National Intertribal Tax Alliance, Reno, Nevada (April, 1999)

“Addressing Rules of Evidence in Domestic Violence Cases,” Sponsored by the United States, Department of Justice, Violence Against Women Act, Albuquerque, New Mexico (1999)

“Addressing Rules of Evidence in Domestic Violence Cases,” Sponsored by the United States, Department of Justice, Violence Against Women Act, Anchorage, Alaska (1998)

“Addressing Rules of Evidence in Domestic Violence Cases,” Sponsored by the United States, Department of Justice, Violence Against Women Act, Seattle, Washington (1998)

“Addressing Rules of Evidence in Domestic Violence Cases,” Sponsored by the United States, Department of Justice, Violence Against Women Act, Minneapolis, Minnesota (1998)

“Federal Indian Law and Policy,” Washington State Department of Revenue, Annual Management Conference, Tacoma, Washington (1998)

Publications:

“The Emerging Role of International Human Rights Law in the Protection of Indigenous Peoples,” Washington State Bar Association, *Bar News*, February, (2004).

“Tribal Court Judges Benchbook: Adjudicating Domestic Violence Cases,” sponsored by the U.S., Department of Justice, Violence Against Women Act, (2000).