

03/20/14**KATHRYN ISOM-CLAUSE****(b) (6)****SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS**

- Extensive knowledge of federal Indian law and policy with a special expertise in Indian gaming, fee-to-trust, lands issues, and sacred sites in Indian Country.
- Experience managing broad interagency and intra-agency teams to identify, implement, and achieve major tribal policy objectives.
- Licensed attorney that understands how law and policy intersect to impact each other.
- Tribal citizen with vast knowledge of Indian Country, able to identify and understand diverse tribal interests and voices.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**Department of the Interior, Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs**

Washington, D.C.

June 2013 – Present

Senior Counselor to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

- Provide policy guidance to the Assistant Secretary on high-profile gaming matters. Review, analyze, and surname revenue allocation plans, tribal-state gaming compacts, and environmental compliance issues. Work with the Assistant Secretary to approve or disapprove gaming decisions issued by the Department, including the two-part determination for the Menominee Indian Tribe.
- Manage several appeals of decisions before the Assistant Secretary to acquire over 200 acres of land into trust.
- Spearhead the Department's efforts with the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness.
- Chaired interagency Core Working Group under the Sacred Sites MOU. Chair the subgroup on confidentiality standards, whose work includes completing a policy statement on confidentiality of sacred sites information.
- Represent the Department and the Assistant Secretary at high-level interagency meetings and tribal consultations.
- Serve as the Department's liaison to the Council for Native American Farming and Ranching.
- Represent the Assistant Secretary on the Department's Bison Leadership Team.
- Serve on the Department's team to assist tribal nations with the repatriation of sacred objects.
- Regularly review and provide guidance on the Department's proposed regulations and policies.
- Coordinate listening sessions and roundtables with tribal stakeholders.
- Meet daily with tribal leaders on a variety of topics and attend national tribal conferences and meetings.

Anderson Indian Law

Washington, D.C.

May 2011 – May 2013

Associate

- Provided clients with legal opinions on Indian gaming and fee-to-trust issues.
- Prepared several fee-to-trust applications for gaming and non-gaming purposes.
- Defended and pursued tribal client's rights in federal court. Drafted motions, briefs, and related litigation materials.
- Advocated for tribal clients before administrative agencies on issues such as: the National Historic Preservation Act; federal recognition; gaming eligibility of after-acquired lands; land restoration; and other tribal land related issues.
- Prepared testimony for use before Congress.
- Drafted talking points and briefing papers for congressional and agency meetings.

Holland & Knight

Washington, D.C.

Summer 2008, January 2010 – February 2011

Associate

- Performed legal research, drafted memoranda, and provided legal advice and representation to tribal clients on a broad range of issues, including: gaming matters; federal trust relationship; tribal tax; tribal economic development; federal appropriations; and Indian water rights.
- Wrote legal briefs and memoranda for use in litigation and assisted in development of legal strategies.
- Drafted tribal council resolutions and legislation.

EDUCATION

Columbia University School of Law

New York, NY

Juris Doctor

2009

Honors: Columbia Human Rights Internship; Parker School Certificate for Achievement in International Comparative Law.

Activities: Human Rights Law Review; President of Columbia's Native American Law Students Association; Courtroom Advocates Project.

Wellesley College

Wellesley, MA

Bachelor of Arts Degree, Major in Philosophy

2004

Honors: First Year Distinction; Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Award

Pre-Law Summer Institute for American Indians and Alaska Natives

Honors: PLSI Academic Award

2005

Bar Admissions: State of New York (4838520); District of Columbia (1000362)

Tribal Enrollment: Taos Pueblo