

DANIEL CORDALIS

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EXPERIENCE

Attorney, *Solo Practitioner*

July 2016 - present

I represent Indian tribes on water and natural resources matters, including negotiations and litigation, in land acquisition transactions, public outreach, and on day-to-day tribal governance and Indian law matters. I work closely with tribal staff and leadership on fisheries and water issues, forestry, carbon projects, energy, environmental regulation and capacity building, public lands protections and collaborative management initiatives, and governmental relations. I also work with conservation organizations to enhance their knowledge of tribal governments and in establishing frameworks to engage tribes on conservation and natural resource issues. I am licensed to practice law in Colorado and California.

Associate Attorney, *Earthjustice*

April 2015 - June 2016

Litigation and advocacy practice focused on protecting public lands and resources in the Four Corners states utilizing federal environmental laws, including FLPMA, ESA, NEPA, CAA, and the APA. Practice involved legal research and writing to draft memoranda and working closely with senior attorneys to draft federal court documents, including motions and merits briefing. Work also entailed coordination and supervision of summer law clerks and helping lead the firm's relationship building with tribal communities.

Associate General Counsel, *Office of Tribal Attorney, Yurok Tribe*

October 2014 - March 2015

Under tribal council direction, worked as in-house counsel on tribe's day-to-day transactional issues as well as prospective and long-term legal issues involving tribal trust resources.

Appellate Law Clerk, *Justice Greg Hobbs, Colorado Supreme Court*

September 2012 - August 2013

Assisted Justice in judicial duties, including drafting memos to decide whether court should accept certiorari petitions, drafting judicial opinions, and drafting memos to help inform Justice of case issues.

Law Clerk, *Native American Rights Fund*

May 2010 - Spring 2011

Worked to identify approaches for Indian tribes to overcome obstacles in asserting their water rights, including legal research and drafting memoranda on senior attorneys' water rights cases, specifically on issues arising from prospective litigation and Oklahoma Indian water rights.

Legislative Associate, *National Congress of American Indians*

November 2005 - August 2008

Developed and advocated for agricultural, natural resource, and environmental policy; monitored and analyzed congressional legislation that impacted American Indians; provided grassroots education, advised tribal leaders, produced legislative testimony, reports, and issue analyses, and; worked with the respective tribal, federal, state agencies to improve natural resource, environmental, and agriculture policies for tribes.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Governing Council Member, *The Wilderness Society*

December 2019 - present

Board of Directors, *Western Environmental Law Center*

December 2019 - present

Advisory Council Member, *Getches & Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy and the Environment, Univ. Colo. Law School*

December 2018 - present

Board of Directors, *Environmental Protection Information Center*

August 2018 - present

Lecturer, *Humboldt State University*

Fall 2017 - Spring 2019

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