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PRACTICES

Land Use
Litigation & Investigations
Native Affairs

EDUCATION

Michigan State University College
of Law
Oklahoma State University

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Colorado State Bar
U.S. Court of Appeals for the First
Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Tenth Circuit

LAURA E. JONES

OF COUNSEL



Professional Background

Laura focuses her practice on federal Indian law, including advising tribes and tribal businesses on economic development, federal regulatory issues, environmental compliance, and federal-tribal consultation, as well as representing tribes on a broad range of civil litigation. Laura has counseled tribal and non-tribal businesses with regulatory and compliance matters, land use issues, and commercial lending transactions.

Prior to joining Van Ness Feldman, Laura served as legal counsel for a tribal e-commerce corporation and previously worked at a law firm in Denver, Colorado in their American Indian Law practice. Laura is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

Laura resides in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where she enjoys spending time with her husband and son and is an active member of her local community.

Awards and Honors

"Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch" by *Best Lawyers*

Energy Law, 2025-2026
Land Use and Zoning Law, 2022-2026
Litigation - Environmental, 2026
Native American Law, 2022-2026
Natural Resources Law, 2025-2026

"Ones to Watch" by Best Lawyers

2022

Articles and Presentations

- Water Power Week, National Hydropower Association, Washington DC, 04/05/2022
- VNF Live - Addressing Historical Trauma in Indian Country: Stories of Healing and Success from the Implementation of Trauma-Informed Programming , 02/24/2021

Alerts

- Insurance Coverage Considerations for Tribal Cannabis Businesses, 04/20/2022
- EPA Approves Oklahoma Regulatory Control Over 'Restored' Tribal Land, 10/09/2020
- SBA Allows Tribal Casinos to Apply to Newly Replenished Paycheck Protection Program, 04/27/2020
- Coronavirus Relief Fund: Treasury Issues Guidance for Tribal Governments, 04/24/2020