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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