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**PRACTICES**

Endangered Species & Wildlife  
Land Use  
Litigation & Investigations  
Native Affairs  
Water

**EDUCATION**

University of Washington School  
of Law  
Arizona State University

**BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS**

Washington State Bar  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the  
Federal Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the  
District of Columbia Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth  
Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the  
Seventh Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the  
Eighth Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the  
Ninth Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the  
Tenth Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the  
Eleventh Circuit  
U.S. District Court for the Eastern  
District of Washington  
U.S. District Court for the Western  
District of Washington  
U.S. Supreme Court  
Alaska State Bar

**CHARLENE KOSKI**

**PARTNER**



**Professional Background**

Charlene briefs and argues cases in federal and state appellate courts, advises clients on legal questions and litigation strategies, and provides briefing and other litigation support in administrative and trial proceedings. She has represented clients on a wide range of subjects, including state and federal environmental laws, water rights, Indian country, treaty rights, administrative law, constitutional law, state tidelands, public records, land use, and others. She has appeared in various U.S. Courts of Appeals, U.S. District Courts, and state courts, and has filed briefs before the U.S. Supreme Court. She also regularly represents clients as amicus curiae and intervenors in state and federal actions.

Prior to joining Van Ness Feldman, Charlene served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Appellate Section of the Western District of Washington, where she represented the United States before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Before her government experience, Charlene practiced for several years in the Seattle office of a large international law firm and served as a judicial law clerk on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Charlene serves as a Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative for the Western District of Washington and as co-president of the Washington Appellate Lawyers Association. She also serves on various state and federal appellate boards and committees and has served as an appellate judge for the Northwest Intertribal Court System.

Charlene is a graduate of the University of Washington School of Law, where she served as Editor-in-Chief of the Washington Law Review. She has undergraduate degrees in English and Music from Arizona State University and, prior to law school, worked as a print journalist and band director.

**Representative Experience**

- Represents clients at state and federal courts of appeals.
- Advises clients on litigation and appellate strategies.
- Represents clients in amicus briefs at various stages of litigation.
- Has represented companies and individuals in internal and government investigations on a wide range of civil and criminal issues.

**Government Service**

**Office of the United States Attorney, Western District of Washington**

Assistant United States Attorney, Appellate Division

**The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit**

Law Clerk, Honorable Richard C. Tallman

**Alerts**

- Ninth Circuit: Physical Presence on Tribal Land Not Required for Tribal Jurisdiction Over Nonmember, 09/23/2024

- Supreme Court Rules Against Navajo Nation in Tribal Water Rights Case, 07/06/2023
- SCOTUS Issues Two Significant Decisions Impacting Tribal Sovereignty , 06/16/2023
- Supreme Court Expands State Criminal Jurisdiction in Indian Country, 06/30/2022