

COMMISSIONER BIOGRAPHIES



HON. TROY A. EID

The Honorable Troy A. Eid was nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the Senate to serve as the United States Attorney for the District of Colorado, a position he held from 2006-09. Mr. Eid was appointed to the Indian Law and Order Commission by U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, and he was unanimously selected by his fellow commissioners as chair of the Commission. Mr. Eid is currently principal shareholder with the Denver office of Greenberg Traurig LLP, where he co-chairs the firm's Indian law practice. He also serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Colorado School of Law, teaching in the American Indian Law Program. Mr. Eid's recent honors include the 2012 Member of the Year Award from the Navajo Nation Bar Association, the largest legal organization that directly serves an Indian nation. He clerked for Judge Edith H. Jones of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. From 1999-2003, Mr. Eid served in the cabinet of Colorado Governor Bill Owens. Mr. Eid holds an A.B. from Stanford University and a J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School, where he was an editor of the Law Review.



AFFIE ELLIS

Affie Ellis, a member of the Navajo Nation, is president of Ellis Public Affairs, a public and government relations firm based in Cheyenne, WY. Ms. Ellis was appointed to the Commission by U.S. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell. She previously litigated as an assistant attorney general for the State of Wyoming, representing and advising the Governor and multiple state agencies on natural resource and Indian law. Ms. Ellis is an adjunct professor in the American Indian Studies Department at the University of Wyoming, where she focuses on the intersection of constitutional law, congressional action, and Indian policy.

Formerly, Ms. Ellis worked as a policy advisor for U.S. Senator Craig Thomas in Washington, DC, advising on natural resources, public lands, and American Indian issues. While in Washington, she also was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as the director of congressional and public affairs for the National Indian Gaming Commission, an independent regulatory agency that oversees all Indian gaming. Ms. Ellis holds a B.S. from the University of Wyoming and a J.D. from the University of Colorado.



TOM GEDE

Tom Gede is a principal with Bingham Consulting Group and of counsel at Bingham McCutchen LLP. U.S. Speaker of the House John Boehner appointed Mr. Gede to the Commission. He previously served as executive director of the Conference of Western Attorneys General. From 1987 to 2000, Mr. Gede practiced as a special assistant attorney and deputy attorney general in the criminal division and government law sections of the California Office of the Attorney General. Since 2000, Mr. Gede has been an adjunct professor of Federal Indian law at the University of the Pacific-McGeorge School of Law. He is vice-chair of the American Bar Association's annual Water Law Conference and a member of the board of directors of the University of California Hastings College of the Law. Mr. Gede holds a B.A. from Stanford University and a J.D. from the University of California Hastings College of the Law.



**HON. CAROLE
GOLDBERG**

Professor Goldberg serves as the Jonathan D. Varat Distinguished Professor of Law at the UCLA School of Law and UCLA's Vice Chancellor for Academic Personnel. She also is a Justice of the Court of Appeals of the Hualapai Tribe in Arizona. President Barack Obama appointed Professor Goldberg to the Commission. Professor Goldberg was the principal investigator for several large grants from the National Institute of Justice to study the administration of criminal justice in Indian country. She is the author of numerous books and articles in the fields of Federal Indian law and Tribal law. In 2006, she was the Oneida Indian Nation Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard Law School. In 2013 she received the Lawrence Baca Lifetime Achievement Award from the Federal Bar Association's Indian Law Section. Professor Goldberg holds a B.A. from Smith College and a J.D. from Stanford University.



**HON. STEPHANIE
HERSETH SANDLIN**

The Honorable Stephanie Herseth Sandlin represented the State of South Dakota for four terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, where she served on the Agriculture Committee, Natural Resources Committee, and Veterans' Affairs Committee, as well as on the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming. While in Congress, she introduced and championed the Tribal Law and Order Act. She was appointed to the Commission by U.S. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi. Ms. Herseth Sandlin is currently general counsel and vice president of corporate development for Raven Industries, Inc., headquartered in Sioux Falls, SD. She was a clerk for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and the U.S. District Court for the District of South Dakota. Ms. Herseth Sandlin holds both a B.A. and J.D. from Georgetown University.



**HON. JEFFERSON
KEEL**

The Honorable Jefferson Keel, Lieutenant Governor of the Chickasaw Nation and President of the National Congress of American Indians, is committed to the service of Indian people. U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid appointed Lt. Governor Keel to the Commission. He serves on several national boards and committees, including the Board of Regents at Bacone College and the Board of Directors of East Central University Foundation. He is often called upon to testify before Congress and to assist Tribes and Tribal organizations on a variety of actions and initiatives. He is a retired U.S. Army officer with over 20 years active duty service. His service included combat duty as an infantryman in Vietnam, where he earned numerous awards and decorations, including two awards of the Bronze Star with the “V” device for valor and two awards of the Purple Heart. Lt. Governor Keel holds a B.S. from East Central University and an M.S. from Troy State University.



**HON. EARL
POMEROY III**

The Honorable Earl Pomeroy is a senior counsel with Alston & Bird LLP. He was appointed to the Commission by U.S. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi. Mr. Pomeroy represented North Dakota in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1993 to 2011, where he served on the Agriculture Committee and the Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Pomeroy started his career in private legal practice. From 1981 to 1985, he was a member of the North Dakota House of Representatives. He was the North Dakota State Insurance Commissioner from 1985 to 1992. Mr. Pomeroy received his B.A. from the University of North Dakota, attended University of Durham (England), and earned a J.D. from the University of North Dakota.



**HON. THERESA M.
POULEY**

The Honorable Theresa M. Pouley is a member of the Colville Confederated Tribes in eastern Washington and a Judge of the Northwest Intertribal Court System, through which she serves as the Associate Justice of the Colville Court of Appeals and Chief Judge of the Tulalip Tribal Court. President Barack Obama appointed Judge Pouley to the Commission. Formerly, Judge Pouley served as Chief Judge of the Lummi Tribal Court, President of the Northwest Tribal Court Judges Association, and on the Board of Directors for the National American Indian Court Judges Association. She presented to U.S. Supreme Court Justices O’Conner and Breyer on “Indigenous Justice Paradigms.” On numerous occasions, she testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. For the last several years, she has worked and lectured with the Administrative Office of the Washington State Courts and local, state, and national conferences regarding domestic violence and Indian law. In 2004, she was selected by the Washington Supreme Court to sit on the “Historical Court of Justice,” which reviewed and exonerated Chief Leschi. She was awarded the National Tribal Child Support’s Award for Outstanding Judge in 2005, and she was part of the Tulalip Tribal Court team that was recognized with a Harvard University Honoring Nations Award in 2006 for its focus on therapeutic and indigenous approaches to criminal law. She earned her B.A. from Gonzaga University and her J.D. from Wayne State College of Law.



TED QUASULA

Mr. Quasula, a member of the Hualapai Tribe, is general manager of the Grand Canyon Frontier, a tourist attraction in northwest Arizona. He was appointed to the Commission by President Barack Obama. Mr. Quasula entered law enforcement with the Flagstaff Police Department in 1972. For 26 years, he served in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Law Enforcement Services, where he rose through the ranks from field criminal investigator to director of the national program. Mr. Quasula was Chief of Police for the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe from 2003 to 2007. He is the immediate past chairman of the Nevada Indian Commission, serving in the Nevada Governor’s cabinet. Mr. Quasula is also the immediate past president of the board of directors of the Northern Arizona University Alumni Association. He currently serves on the NAU Foundation board of directors. Mr. Quasula is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Program for Senior Executives at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He received his B.S. and M.S. from Northern Arizona University.

JEFF J. DAVIS

Immediately before joining the Commission, Jeff J. Davis was an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Michigan from 1995 to 2011, where he prosecuted a wide variety of crimes committed in Indian country and served as the liaison between the office and 11 federally recognized tribes. Upon completion of his work with the Commission, Mr. Davis will rejoin the U.S. Attorney's Office. He also taught Federal Indian law as an adjunct professor at Detroit Mercy School of Law. Prior to joining the U.S. Department of Justice, Mr. Davis was an associate attorney with Boulder-based Greene, Meyer & McElroy, P.C., a law firm that represented Indian tribes throughout the United States on issues ranging from gaming and water rights litigation to recognition and protection of Tribal treaty rights. Early in his career Mr. Davis worked on a contract basis for the U.S. Attorney's Office for New Mexico on water adjudication for the Tribes in that district. He grew up in North Dakota on the reservation of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians and is an enrolled member of the Tribe. Mr. Davis received his B.A. from the University of North Dakota and his J.D. from the University of New Mexico.

EILEEN M. GARRY

As Deputy Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Justice Programs in the U.S. Department of Justice, Ms. Garry oversees planning, legislative affairs, budgeting, performance measurement and evaluation, and print and electronic communications. Ms. Garry joined BJA in September 2001 and immediately assumed leadership for processing death benefits for public safety officers killed on 9/11. She subsequently developed and administered several anti-terrorism programs and was actively engaged in infrastructure recovery and relief efforts following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Ms. Garry has worked closely with Tribes in the development and implementation of the Tribal Law and Order Act and in renovation and construction of correctional facilities on tribal lands. She also managed the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) Outreach program, which involved recruiting, selecting, and training Native American students in the four corners region to conduct intensive outreach efforts in Tribal communities. RECA provides payments to those who became seriously ill after being exposed to radiation through nuclear weapons tests or in the uranium mining industry in the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s.

Earlier in her career, Ms. Garry concentrated on child protection and juvenile justice issues affecting State, local, and Tribal programs. She is a member of DOJ's Senior Executive Service, the highest-level appointment for career civil servants, has received numerous awards, and is the author of more than 20 publications on criminal and juvenile justice issues. Ms. Garry earned her bachelor's and master's degree from the American University in Washington, DC.

LAUREL IRON CLOUD

Laurel Iron Cloud, an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, was raised in southwest South Dakota in the Knife Chief community on the Pine Ridge Reservation. She currently serves as the deputy director of the Indian Law and Order Commission. Prior to working with the commission, Ms. Iron Cloud was the criminal law specialist for the Division of Tribal Justice, Office of Justice Services in the Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior. In that position, she provided outreach and assistance to Tribes developing new court systems, and she evaluated existing Tribal courts for Tribes interested in enhancing their criminal justice systems. Immediately upon graduation from law school, Ms. Iron Cloud returned to her home Tribal community to provide civil advocacy to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. She continued her legal career in private practice, joining the Abourezk Law Firm in South Dakota to represent Tribes, Tribal housing and educational organizations, and individual plaintiffs before State, Federal, and Tribal courts. Ms. Iron Cloud has also served as a civil, juvenile, and family court judge for the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation in Arizona. She earned her B.A. from Georgetown University and her J.D. from the University of Colorado School of Law.