

JANIE SIMMS HIPPI, J.D., LL.M. (Agricultural & Food Law) (Chickasaw)

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Overview**Education:**

- Oklahoma State University, English and Sociology Major
- University of Oklahoma, B.A. Social Work
- Oklahoma City University, J.D.
- University of Arkansas Fayetteville, LL.M. in Agricultural and Food Law

Positions & Experiences

- CEO, Native American Agriculture Fund (current)
- Director, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative (IFAI), University of Arkansas Fayetteville
- Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Tribal Relations; Director Office of Tribal Relations, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Thomas J. Vilsack, Washington DC
- USDA Risk Management Agency, Director of Risk Management Education Division, Washington DC
- USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, National Program Leader (NPL) for Risk Management Education, Farm Financial Management, Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program & Trade Adjustment Assistance, Washington DC
- University of Arkansas Fayetteville, Assistant Professor within Division of Agriculture & College of Agriculture, College of Engineering & Honors Colleges
- National Center for Agricultural Law, Interim Director, Associate Director & Staff Attorney, University of Arkansas Fayetteville, College of Law; Research Professor of Law
- Agricultural Law & Policy Consultant (Native Solutions LLC)
- OFW Law, Washington DC, Of Counsel
- Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, Associate Director & Special Counsel to the Executive Director
- Office of the Attorney General, State of Oklahoma, Assistant Attorney General
- Private Commercial Law Practice, State of Oklahoma
- Oklahoma Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services, Assistant Director of Planning & Director of Affirmative Action
- International Agriculture Policy and Agriculture Trade Experience
- Judicial Experience (ALJ)

Frequent Presenter, Author & Policy Analyst

- Agricultural Law and Food Law and Policy
- Health and Nutrition Law and Policy
- Indigenous Food and Agriculture
- Sustainable Agriculture Law and Policy; Food Policy
- Water Law & Natural Resources Law
- New Generation & Beginning Farmers and Ranchers, Gender & Agriculture
- New Markets & Market Development
- Rural Economic Development and Rural Infrastructure

Detailed Resume

Citizen of the Chickasaw Nation

Education

- Undergraduate Hours, 1973-1975, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK (major: Sociology and English)
- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Social Work, 1975-1978, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK
- Juris Doctor (J.D.), 1981-1984, Oklahoma City University School of Law, Oklahoma City, OK
 - Distinguished Law Alumni Award, 2016
- Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Agricultural and Food Law, 1993 (coursework completed); 1996 (degree awarded post thesis), University of Arkansas School of Law, Fayetteville, AR
 - Distinguished Alumni Award, 2014

National Awards

- Tim Wapato Public Advocate of the Year Award, 2017; awarded by the National Center for American Indian Economic Development (NCAIED)
- President's Volunteer Service Award for Lifetime Achievement; awarded by President Barack Obama and presented by the Corporation for National and Community Service, 2016
- Distinguished Service Award, American Agricultural Law Association, 2014
- Distinguished Service Award, American Agricultural Law Association, 2019

Present Position: Chief Executive Officer, Native American Agriculture Fund

(2018 – present)

- Responsible for serving as CEO of the Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF), launched in 2018 as the nation's largest philanthropic organization with over \$266M in assets focused solely on providing grants and programs to support business assistance, agricultural education, technical support and advocacy services to Native American farmers and ranchers to support their continued engagement in agriculture
- Responsible for all aspects of creation of NAAF administrative offices, including establishment of all internal policies, administrative oversight and compliance, investment management systems, finance and accounting systems and human capital systems; collaboration with all senior leadership and Trustees in the creation of policies related to finance, accounting, human resources, investments and programmatic development
- Conceptualization and development of NAAF's programmatic design for grant making; NAAF is responsible for grant making and charitable and educational deployment of NAAF assets over a spend-down period of 20 years beginning in 2018 and expiring in 2038
- Responsible for leadership of NAAF and identification and deployment of philanthropic and investment partners

Immediate Past Position: Founder and Director, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative

University of Arkansas Fayetteville (January 2013 – 2018)

- Responsible for founding and launch of the nation's first law school-based Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative (IFAI) focusing on model food and agriculture code development, strategic food and agriculture business analysis and planning, food safety technical assistance, health and nutrition law and policy analysis

- Launch of the Native Youth in Food and Agriculture Summer Leadership Summit; focused on development of a professional pipeline of food, health and agriculture next generation Native leaders and scientists
- Primary author and/or co-author of:
 - *Feeding Ourselves: Food access, health disparities, and the pathways to healthy Native American communities*; commissioned by the American Heart Association Voices for Healthy Kids, 2015
 - *Intertribal Food Systems: A national intertribal survey and report*; funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, 2015
 - *Regaining Our Future: An Assessment of Risks and Opportunities for Native Communities in the 2018 Farm Bill*; commissioned by the Seeds of Native Health campaign of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, 2017; co-author Colby Duren, JD
- Native Farm Bill Coalition (NFBC), Research and Technical Analysis Partner; NFBC was created in 2017 to focus on elevating federal policy options important to Native agriculture; jointly led the research and data analysis needs related to the Coalition's work on the 2018 Farm Bill
- Partner and collaborator with various Indian Country food and agriculture organizations, including nonprofit and educational institutions, on a wide variety of projects and programs
- Partner with various food and agriculture sector organizations and business entities, as well as health, food security and anti-hunger policy organizations
- Partner with the National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations, a federal food distribution program serving 276 federally recognized Tribes; staffing the organization in all matters related to the USDA Food and Nutrition Service Tribal Consultation Working Group
- Grant Administrator and Project Director for all IFAI funded projects, including over \$8M in awards from the following grantors:
 - Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Seeds of Native Health campaign
 - MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
 - Agua Fund, Inc.
 - W. K. Kellogg Foundation
 - United States Department of Agriculture (RMA, FSA, NRCS, RD, NIFA)
 - Food and Drug Administration
 - IFAI was designated as the Native American Outreach, Training, Technical Assistance and Education Center for national compliance and training efforts for the Food Safety Modernization Act
 - Farm Credit System
 - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
 - NoVo Foundation
 - Conservation Fund, Inc.
 - Full listing available on request

Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Tribal Relations, USDA, Director of the Office of Tribal Relations in the Office of the Secretary; Secretary Thomas J. Vilsack, U.S. Department of Agriculture (November 2009 – January 2013)

- As a political appointee Senior Executive Service, responsible for senior policy advisory role to the Secretary of Agriculture; worked across all departments and agencies of USDA on all matters

relating to American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian tribal sovereignty, tribal consultation, and USDA service delivery across Indian Country

- Responsible for management of the Office of Tribal Relations working across all agencies and departmental offices and interfacing with all Tribal governments in the nation
- Point of contact on Tribal Relations and Tribal Consultation for USDA
- Point of contact for the White House and the Office of Management and Budget on USDA Tribal Consultation compliance requirements under EO 13175
- Engagement in USDA's settlement of civil rights litigation
- Intergovernmental and interdepartmental coordination in relation to the federal trust responsibility
- Responsible for review and approval of all USDA regulations impacting USDA's responsibilities under EO 13175
- Engagement with the US Forest Service on policies impacting sacred sites and broader responsibilities in Tribal consultation
- Engagement with Congressional staff in relation to issues impacting Native communities and Tribal governments

Director, Risk Management Education Division, US Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency (RMA), Washington DC

(July 2009 – November 2009)

- Responsible for national leadership of the Risk Management Education program for the Risk Management Agency; RMA is the administration agency working with the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and its board to address the crop insurance and general risk management education needs of the nation's farmers and ranchers
- Co-lead of a USDA-wide group related to the needs of women involved in farming and ranching (Women & Working Lands)
- Work with 10 regional offices in coordination of substantial involvement with all grant funded projects of the RME Division
- Work across all Insurance Services Division offices to incorporate training and education needs into the mission of the agency
- Supervision of team of Grants and Agreement Specialists working directly with all awardees of the agency in assuring financial management and program management goals are met in funded risk management education projects

National Program Leader (NPL), National Institute of Food and Agriculture, US Department of Agriculture, Washington DC

(April 2007 – July 2009)

- Served as the career federal employee NPL for Risk Management Education, Farm Financial Management, Trade Adjustment Assistance and the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program
 - National co-leadership for the \$18M beginning farmer and rancher development grant program providing outreach, education, training and technical assistance through an annual competitive grant program
 - Responsible for national leadership of a \$5M risk management education grant program administered through four regional risk education centers and the Center for Farm Financial Management

- Responsible for national leadership of the \$90M grant and training/technical assistance program for farmers and fishermen adjusting to market distorting agriculture imports
- Responsible for national leadership of farm financial management specialists; approximately \$10M annually in special grants and special projects; and over \$200M annually in formula funded projects in all states and territories
- Liaison to the National Extension Farm Income Tax Committee; the last remaining outside committee advising IRS regarding taxation issues related to agriculture production which culminates in the annual IRS special publication 225
- Co-coordinator of the national Community of Practice for agriculture lawyers for eXtension; creator of USDA agriculture law seminar series
- Oversight to the Native American Farm Tax Guide project; a project competitively awarded through USDA RMA and NIFA designed to provide specialized tax education tools for Native American producers deriving income from the land
- Liaison with all national education, research and extension programs relating to all designated leadership content areas and federal agencies (RMA, US Forest Service, Foreign Ag Service, Farm Service Agency, NRCS, EPA, ERS and others) as well as private and community-based partners and grantees of the federal government
- Co-leadership for national effort linking farm management and farm family financial security curriculum to aid farm families in improving financial security; including focus on estate planning and farm succession
- Co-Chair of the USDA Women and Working Lands working group focused on coordination and cooperation in federal services provided to women farm and ranch owners and operators
- Leader, national initiative to improve educational programs focusing on estate planning and farm succession within the agricultural community
- Leader, international educational team: “Air Pollution Regulation: Improving Compliance Through Incentive and Education” presented through the Middle East Peace Process in Istanbul, Turkey; participants included Core Parties of Israel, Palestine and Jordan; funded through the U.S. State Department through the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service
- Participant, U.S. Dairy Sustainability Summit
- Member, Ecosystems Services Working Group, Science for Sustainability Working Group, Diversity Working Group, VisionPlus teams within the USDA NIFA; liaison to the Director, USDA Office of Sustainable Development
- Additional information and duties available upon request

Professional Experience – Legal

Of Counsel to the firm of Olsson Frank Weeda Terman and Matz (OFW Law), Washington DC
(2013 – 2014)

- Of Counsel to the firm’s Tribal government and agriculture/food clients
- The OFW firm specializes in food and agriculture legal issues focusing primarily on USDA and FDA concerns on behalf of their clients and is the nation’s premier agricultural and food law firm

Agricultural Law and Natural Resources Public Policy Specialist, Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service, State of Arkansas; Assistant Professor of Agricultural Law, Department of Agricultural Economics and AgriBusiness, Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences, University of Arkansas Fayetteville
(2000 – 2007)

- Responsible for development of statewide, regional and national public policy educational programs relevant to legal, policy and regulatory concerns of agricultural, natural resource and rural community audiences
 - Co-convener: Arkansas Women in Agriculture annual conference
 - Co-founder: Arkansas Women in Agriculture (non-profit)
 - Co-founder: Native Women and Youth in Agriculture (national intertribal nonprofit)
 - Convener of multi-agency annual educational program: Arkansas Water: New Challenges New Solutions
 - Co-creator and educator, Public Issues Education Center University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service; multi-issue curriculum and policy issues analysis including water law, water quality and water scarcity and public education program regarding pending state questions
- Teaching Responsibilities, University of Arkansas Fayetteville, including:
 - Agricultural Law, College of Agriculture
 - Environmental Law, College of Agriculture
 - Environmental Justice, College of Engineering and Honors College
 - Administrative Law, Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences and Department of Political Science
 - Graduate Agricultural Research Seminar, University of Arkansas School of Law
 - Adjunct Professor, University of Arkansas Little Rock, William H. Bowen School of Law; Emerging Issues in Food and Agriculture Law
- National Policy Advisor
 - National policy advisory activities concerning agriculture law and policy, sustainability and related issues; indigenous food and agriculture policy; labor; food safety; contract food production; ag marketing; environmental and natural resource allocation and use; land use; water law; animal health and welfare; risk management; animal identification; local food systems development; emerging agricultural legal issues (full listing available on request)
 - Science for Sustainability (CSREES/SARE/Winrock International)
 - Making Changes: Turning Local Visions into National Solutions (Wallace Center for Agricultural and Environmental Policy/Winrock International/W. K. Kellogg Foundation)
 - The Future of Animal Agriculture in North America (Farm Foundation)
 - The 2007 Farm Bill: U.S. Producer Preferences for Agricultural, Food and Public Policy (Farm Foundation); authorship of four policy proposals for 2007 Farm Bill discussions
 - National Public Policy Issues Education (Farm Foundation)
 - Common Ground (regional project examining conflicts within forest dependent communities)
 - Full listing available on request
- Grant Administration
 - Co-Principal Investigator project addressing Native Women in Agriculture/Small Business; risk management, business management and land tenure issues funded by USDA CSREES
 - Co-Principal Investigator on two projects addressing risk management issues of Native American agriculture producers funded by USDA RMA
 - Cooperator on numerous grants addressing legal/risk and financial needs of aging agricultural producers, including Native producers, funded by USDA and HHS

- Co-Project Director, Truth or Consequences: The Future of Contracts in Agriculture; project funded by Farm Foundation involving Arkansas and American Farm Bureau offices and the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
- Consultant, Mid-Sized Meat Processors; project examining the challenges facing mid-sized and small-sized meat and poultry processors, funded by USDA FSIS and NIFA
- National Center for Agricultural Law Research and Information, funded through the USDA National Agricultural Law (\$500k + annual operating budget)
- Full listing available on request

Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers; FACA advisory body to USDA Secretary of Agriculture Johanns & USDA Secretary of Agriculture Schafer; 2-year appointment 2005-2007; reappointment 2007-2009

Consultant, Native Solutions LLC; consultant advisory services to Tribal governments for food and agriculture business investment and economic development; consultant advisory services to non-Native organizations, governments, nonprofits and educational institutions

(1999 – 2007 and 2016 – present)

- Food processing infrastructure development
- Rural economic development
- Community Facilities development
- Food safety HACCP plans development
- Export market readiness
- Financial feasibility studies and market analysis
- Policy, legal research and situation analysis addressing agricultural policy issues including sustainable agriculture; rural economic development; cooperative development; food security; food safety; animal disease; human nutrition; and the interrelationships between agriculture, the consumer and the environment
- Clients include: Winrock International, Little Rock AR & Arlington VA; the Wallace Center for Agricultural and Environmental Policy at Winrock International, Arlington VA; Intertribal Agriculture Council, Billings MT; Indian Land Tenure Foundation, St. Paul MN; Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Poteau OK; Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah OK; Foundation for Organic Resource Management, Fayetteville AR; Legal Research Network, Los Angeles CA; Environmental Protection Agency; United States Department of Agriculture; EEmange, Inc.; Tyson Foods, Springdale AR; Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma; Ute Tribe, Osage Nation and others. Full listing available on request
- Publications analyzing agricultural law issues; forest products development; food safety; farmland preservation; environmental implications of agricultural practices; sustainable agriculture; marketing of agricultural products; export market requirements and many others. Full listing available on request
- Grant coordination on projects related to agricultural law and policy related areas. Full listing available on request
- Financial feasibility study coordination and execution for food processing facilities owned by Tribal governments
- Advisor to intertribal Native agricultural cooperatives
- Frequent speaker on full range of agricultural legal issues, including legal issues relating to Native agriculture production and sustainable agriculture production. Full listing available on request

Interim Director, Associate Director & Staff Attorney, National Center for Agricultural Law Research and Information; Assistant Research Professor Law, University of Arkansas School of Law, Fayetteville AR

(1992 – 1999)

- Responsible for administration of national agricultural law center and all aspects of the center's work; comprehensive legal publications in all areas of agricultural law, with heavy emphasis on environmental issues involved in agricultural production, private and public land use, international trade, sustainable agriculture and rural economic development issues. Full listing of publication titles available on request (over 100 titles)
- Frequent national presenter on myriad of agricultural law topics for lawyers and agricultural producer community. Full listing of presentations available on request
- Primary responsibility, including authorship and editorial responsibilities for numerous state survey projects involving review of environmental, land use, farmland preservation, animal health, food safety and poultry production laws in the United States
- Primary responsible for two fifty-state projects and two multi-state projects providing comprehensive overview of all state and local laws pertaining to the full range of issues facing livestock producers. Full listing of publication titles available on request
- Teaching responsibilities: Administrative Law, Department of Political Science and Graduate Research Seminar in Agricultural Law, School of Law
- Video production grant concerning nuisance, right-to-farm law and other related environmental/agricultural concerns funded through Southern Region SARE
- Supervised staff of attorneys and numerous annually appointed graduate fellows
- Annual educational offerings and periodic policy briefings on agricultural policy and Farm Bill issues to Congressional staff

International Experiences

- Lead Instructor, USDA and EPA joint program within the Middle East Peace Process effort; sponsored through Foreign Agriculture Service and the U.S. State Department; "Air Pollution Regulation: Improving Compliance Through Incentives and Education;" Core Parties included Israel, Palestine and Jordan; workshop held in Istanbul, Turkey August 2008
- Peoples Republic of China; Organic Food Mission examining emerging China organic sector; site visits in Beijing, Jinan, Weifang, Qingdao and Shanghai; funded through USDA Foreign Agricultural Service through Research and Scientific Exchange program US/PRC, August 2003
- Slovakia; Advisor to the Slovak Ministry of Agriculture, Bratislava, Slovakia; funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development; involved examination and advisory services concerning agricultural law and farm policy development post-Velvet Revolution, January-February 1997
- Educational exchange participant with agricultural specialists from the former Soviet Union and Ukraine; coordination of educational experiences of participants from Russia-Ukraine and served on exchange visit to Moscow; 1995-1997
- Lecturer on variety of agricultural and policy related issues, various agricultural and technical schools in rural northern Chile, 1995-1998

Consultant, Center for International Trade Development, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK

(1992-1993)

- Research and advisory services examining potential for economic and employment growth from an enhanced value-added agricultural sector within the State of Oklahoma

- Developed plan for statewide enhancement of trade development services to state employers

Associate Director and Special Counsel to the Executive Director, Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, Oklahoma City, OK

(1991-1993)

- Responsible for management and supervision of employees of one-third of the state's 77 county job training and unemployment benefit offices
- Special Advisor and Special Counsel to the Executive Director and the Executive Team
- Supervisor, Division of Hearings and Appeals
- Official liaison to the Oklahoma Legislature
- Chair, Committee to Examine the Use of Independent Contractors within the State of Oklahoma; committee appointed by the Chair, Oklahoma Employment Security Commission and the Office of the Governor
- Supervision of the job training, labor market analysis, veteran services and employment services divisions of the OESC

Assistant Attorney General, State of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City OK

(1987 – 1991)

- Staff liaison to the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) Agriculture and Rural Legal Affairs Committee
- Prepared and presented testimony concerning the national farm credit crisis before the United States Senate Agriculture Committee
- Drafted agricultural legislation and advised the Oklahoma Attorney General and the Oklahoma Legislature on agriculture issues
- Served as General Counsel to 12 agencies of state government, including: Oklahoma Department of Agriculture; Oklahoma Health Planning Commission; Oklahoma Department of Health; Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Board; Engineers and Land Surveyors Board; Board of Regents for Higher Education; Board of Public Accountancy; Board of Osteopathy Examiners; Board of Banking Examiners; and others
- Served as state expert on administrative rulemaking, agency hearing processes and all laws ensuring transparency in government including Oklahoma Open Records Act and Oklahoma Open Meetings Act
- Prepared CLE training materials and conducted training sessions on administrative rulemaking and open government for lawyers and non-lawyers statewide
- Prosecuted violations of the Oklahoma Open Meetings and Open Records Act
- Defended the State in tort claims cases
- Defended the State in administrative hearings and appeals from administrative rulings

Private Law Practice, Oklahoma City OK

(1984 – 1987)

- Practice focused primarily on commercial, bankruptcy, mortgage foreclosure litigation, securities litigation, complex business litigation and education law
- Practice with Oklahoma firms of McKinney, Stringer and Webster and Jerry L. Steward and Associates
- Clerk, Oklahoma Supreme Court assigned to the Chief Justice

Professional Memberships, Honors & Activities

- Board memberships:
 - Food Research and Action Center (FRAC)
 - National Farm to School Network
 - Board of Trustees, Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Poteau OK
 - American Indian Center of Arkansas, Little Rock AR
 - Board Associate, Foundation for Organic Resource Management, Fayetteville AR
 - Member, Local Workforce Investment Board of Northwest Arkansas
 - TRUE Advisory Group Northwest Arkansas working on racial injustice, diversity and inclusion within the Northwest Arkansas community
 - Arkansas Women in Agriculture
 - Native Women and Youth in Agriculture
 - Center for Indian Country Development, Minneapolis Federal Reserve
 - Farmers Legal Action Group
 - Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE), Administrative Council, Grant Review Committee (1997-2000); Vice-chair (2000-2001); Chair (2001-2002); Member National Operations Committee, SARE Program (2002); National Sustainable Agriculture Meeting Planning Committee
 - Women in Sustainable Agriculture Steering Committee (2005)
 - Oklahoma Association of Women Lawyers; President-Elect (1985); President (1986); Board of Directors (1987-1992)
 - Women in Blue Jeans Spirit and Inspiration Award (2009)
- Member, State Bar of Oklahoma, admitted 1985; OBA #11165
 - Member, Oklahoma Bar Association
 - Mental Health Committee
 - Farm Crisis Task Force
 - Agricultural Law Section
 - Indian Law Section
 - Admitted to Practice before the US District Court for the Western, Eastern and Northern Districts of Oklahoma and the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Member, American Bar Association
 - Dispute Resolution Section
 - Environmental Law Section
- Member, Federal Bar Association, Indian Law Section
- Member, American Agricultural Law Association
 - Editorial Board, Agricultural Law Update publication

Professional Experience, Non-Legal

- Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
 - Assistant Director of Planning (1980-1982)
 - Leadership for statewide planning for all mental health, drug and alcohol services for State of Oklahoma
 - Co-Lead of block grant funding transition for the Department
- Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
 - Affirmative Action Officer (1978-1980)

- Leadership for grievance and affirmative action process; statewide employee relations training; liaison to the US Department of Labor and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Selected Publications & Selected Presentation Topics (Full listing available on request)

- Oklahoma Administrative Rulemaking: The 1987 Revisions (1988)
- Sustaining the Family Farm: Old and New Tools for Survival in a World of Contracts and Corporations (1996)
- Copeland, Hipp, et al., Environmental Laws Affecting Agricultural Operations; 50-state series examining law and regulations concerning water and air quality, wetlands, pesticide, safe drinking water, coastal zone management, hazardous waste and toxic substances, endangered species, emergency planning and community notification laws (1997)
- Copeland, Hipp, et al., Environmental Laws Impacting Livestock Producers, *NCALRI* publication series releasing 50 separate titles (1997)
- Food Assistance, Nutrition Programs and the USDA; West's Federal Practice Manual (1997)
- Food Safety Laws and Regulations, Project coordinator & Editor; 50-state series (1998) examining federal and state food safety laws (1999)
- A Practical Guide to Food Safety Regulation (2007)
- Feeding Ourselves: Food access, health disparities, and the pathways to healthy Native American communities; commissioned by the American Heart Association Voices for Healthy Kids (2015)
- Intertribal Food Systems: A national intertribal survey and report; funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation (2015)
- Regaining Our Future: An Assessment of Risks and Opportunities for Native Communities in the 2018 Farm Bill; commissioned by the Seeds of Native Health campaign of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (2017); co-author Colby Duren, JD
- Frequent Speaker on a variety of topics:
 - Farm Bill policies
 - Sustainable agriculture policy
 - Beginning farmers and ranchers
 - Agricultural data
 - Health and nutrition policy
 - Farmers comprehensive personal liability insurance
 - Crop insurance
 - Environmental laws impacting agricultural producers
 - Food safety
 - Landowner liabilities
 - Land use
 - Conservation and natural resources law
 - Entrepreneurship & rural economic development
 - Marketing and cooperative development
 - Corporate farming trends
 - Indigenous rights to land and water & Native agriculture; food sovereignty; Tribal jurisdiction regarding agricultural production systems
 - Aquaculture legal issues
 - Equine legal issues
 - Nuisance, right to farm and farmland preservation

- Animal health, plant and animal disease, animal identification and country of origin labeling
- Forestry law
- Marketing and labeling of food and agriculture products
- HACCP
- Water law and water rights
- Rural/urban interface
- Women and agriculture; beginning farmers and ranchers; socially disadvantaged producers
- Regulation of agriculture
- Conflict resolution
- Examples of presentations can be provided upon request

Judicial Experience

- Employee Appeals Board Hearing Officer, Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah OK (1996-2004)
- Director, Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, Office of Hearings and Appeals (1991-1992)