

Bryan T. Newland

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

November 2017 – Present

President, Bay Mills Indian Community

Brimley, Michigan

- Chief elected official for Bay Mills Indian Community, a federally recognized Indian tribe
- Responsible for setting policy agenda for tribal community, and organization with more than 600 employees
- Responsible for day-to-day decision-making for tribal government and enterprises, including:
 - Law Enforcement Agencies
 - Primary Health Care Center
 - Two Tribally-Owned Casino Enterprises
- Primary liaison between Bay Mills Indian Community and the public, including Tribal, Local, State, and Federal officials & agencies
- Duties include serving as the Chairperson of the Board of Regents for the Bay Mills Community College
- Activities include participating in seven-party negotiations in historic treaty fishing rights litigation (United States v. Michigan), developing laws and regulations pertaining to land use, natural resources, public health, and business enterprises, and working to enact tribal legislation relating to marijuana and gaming
- Participated in development of first series of tribally-owned internet gaming operations in the United States
- Secured financing and oversaw development of \$14.5 million new primary care health facility
- Developed and implemented tribal pandemic response plan for COVID-19 pandemic

December 2012 – Present

Co-Owner/Member Fletcher Law, PLLC

Lansing, Michigan

- Prevailed in federal litigation regarding ability of federally recognized Indian tribe to have land acquired in trust status for gaming
- Successfully negotiated intergovernmental agreements for cultural resource protection
- Negotiated tribal-state gaming compacts for tribal clients in three separate states
- Representing Indian tribes on legal issues relating to gaming and economic development
- Representing tribal clients on matters related to land acquisition & land use
- Representing tribal clients in federal, state, and tribal court litigation

November 2013 – November 2017

Chief Judge Bay Mills Indian Community Tribal Court

Brimley, Michigan

- Elected official providing over tribal court of general jurisdiction
- Resolving disputes relating to child welfare, criminal complaints, and domestic relations
- Enforcement of hunting and fishing regulations
- Establishing a “Healing to Wellness” court to resolve offenses relating to substance abuse
- Promulgating court rules and overseeing the administration of the tribal court
- Participation in Michigan Tribal-State-Federal Judicial Forum

January 2016 – Present

Member Bay Mills Community College, Board of Regents

Brimley, Michigan

- Establish governing policies for Bay Mills Community College
- Participate in oversight of academic and business affairs
- Establish operating budget
- Authorize Charter Schools across the State of Michigan pursuant to state law
- Participate in oversight of public charter schools across the State of Michigan

September 2013 – August 2020

Member Michigan State University College of Law, Board of Trustees

East Lansing, Michigan

- Establish governing policies for Michigan State University College of Law
- Participated in integration of the College of Law into Michigan State University
- Participate in oversight of academic and business affairs
- Establish operating budget
- Participate in fund-raising activities on behalf of the institution

October 2009 – December 2012

Counselor/Senior Policy Advisor United States Department of the Interior

Washington, D.C.

- Schedule C appointee of the President of the United States
- Provided policy counsel to Assistant Secretary of the Interior – Indian Affairs
- Assisted in the development and implementation of the Department’s Indian gaming policy
- Drafting decisions of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs pertaining to the approval and disapproval of tribal applications under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act
- Led team that promulgated federal regulations governing leasing of Indian lands to promote housing, economic, and energy development on Indian lands
- Worked with congressional staff and staff from executive agencies to pass the HEARTH Act (P.L. 112-151), which authorizes Indian tribes to assume control over leasing of tribal lands
- Assisted in the development and implementation of the Department of the Interior’s Indian land acquisition policy

December 2008 – January 2009

Member Obama-Biden Transition Project

Washington, D.C.

- Advised the Office of the Public Liaison and Intergovernmental Affairs on issues relating to Indian Affairs
- Reviewed policies of President George W. Bush's administration pertaining to Indian Affairs, and prepared internal report for Office of the Public Liaison and Intergovernmental Affairs
- Assisted on matters relating to economic stimulus for Indian tribes (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act)

August 2007 – October 2009

Associate Attorney Dykema, PLLC

Lansing, Michigan

- Represented tribal clients on matters related to gaming and economic development
- Represented tribally controlled college on matters related to the authorization and regulation of charter schools under Michigan law
- Represented tribal clients on matters related to the execution of intergovernmental agreements
- Represented independent energy transmission company on matters related to rights of way and permits on Indian lands
- Represented commercial gaming companies on matters related to regulation under Michigan law
- Represented political candidates for public office on matters related to election and campaign finance law

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Indian Gaming Law, Fall 2017

Michigan State University College of Law (Adjunct Faculty)

Indian Economic Development, Spring 2014

Michigan State University College of Law (Adjunct Faculty)

Tribal Government, October 2013

Grand Valley State University School of Public, Nonprofit & Health Administration (Adjunct Faculty)

Indian Law, Fall 2008, Spring 2009, and Fall 2009

Bay Mills Community College (Adjunct Faculty)

EDUCATION

Michigan State University College of Law East Lansing, Michigan

Juris Doctor, May 2007

Magna Cum Laude

Recipient: Indian Law Certificate

President, Native American Law Student Association (2006-2007)

James Madison College at Michigan State University East Lansing, Michigan
Bachelor of Arts – Social Relations, May 2003
Co-Chairman North American Indian Student Organization (2001-2003)

PRESENTATIONS

Washington, D.C. Bar Association Water is Life Webinar, “Treaties, Water, and Oil Pipelines,” Webinar, Washington, D.C., September 2020

Arizona State University Law School Wiring the Rez Conference, “Moving Online,” Wild Horse Pass Resort, Glendale, Arizona January 2020

Michigan State University College of Law 16th Annual Indigenous Law Conference, “The Lawyer Becomes the Client,” Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing, Michigan, October 2019

Wisconsin Bar Association Indian Law Conference, “Environmental Threats: Knowing the Battlefield,” Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, August 2019

Federal Bar Association Indian Law Conference, Co-Chairperson of Conference Organizing Committee and panel moderator, Talking Stick Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona, April 2017

Federal Bar Association Indian Law Conference, Co-Chairperson of Conference Organizing Committee and panel moderator, Talking Stick Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona, April 7-8, 2016

Annual Tribal Liaison Meeting, “The Importance of Tribal Consultation,” Radisson Hotel, Lansing, Michigan, February 10, 2015

California Gaming Law Summit, “Lame Duck? Gaming Applications and Compacts at the End of the Obama Administration,” Los Angeles Athletic Club, Los Angeles, California, January 16, 2015

Federal Bar Association Annual Indian Law Conference, “Reservation Infrastructure as an Economic Driver,” Buffalo Thunder Resort, Santa Fe, New Mexico, April 11, 2014

Wisconsin Bar Association Indian Law Section Continuing Legal Education Seminar, “Improving Tribal Housing Opportunities: What the HEARTH Act means for Indian Country”, Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, September 20, 2013

Indian Land Tenure Foundation Tribal Land Staff National Conference, “HEARTH Act – A Look at the Legal and Regulatory Side,” Flamingo Las Vegas Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada, April 4, 2013

Indian Land Tenure Foundation Tribal Land Staff National Conference, “HEARTH Act – Tribal Implementation and Opportunity,” Flamingo Las Vegas Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada, April 3, 2013

Indian Land Tenure Foundation Tribal Land Staff National Conference, “BIA Leasing Regulations Training,” Flamingo Las Vegas Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada, April 2, 2013

UCLA School of Law, “Indian Land and Indian Gaming under the Obama Administration,” UCLA School of Law, Westwood, California, February 13, 2013

Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants Gaming Industry Forum, “Indian Gaming Law for Finance Professionals,” Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi, Michigan, December 13, 2012

Michigan State University College of Law 9th Annual Indigenous Law Conference, “Gaming Landscape in Michigan,” Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing, Michigan, October 19, 2012

Native American Financial Officers Association Finance & Tribal Economies Conference, “Capitol Updates: Policy Impacting Tribal Governments,” Hard Rock Hotel, San Diego California, September 10, 2012

United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Oversight Hearing on Federal Acknowledgment: Political and Legal Relationship Between Governments, “Testimony on Behalf of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs at the United States Department of the Interior,” United States Senate, Washington, D.C., July 12, 2012

Bureau of Indian Affairs Midwest Region Partners in Action Conference, Keynote Speaker, Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, June 26, 2012

Renewable Energy Projects in Indian Country Conference, “BIA Leasing Regulations and Renewable Energy,” Talking Stick Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona, May 21, 2012

United Tribes of Michigan Winter Meeting, “Indian Gaming Update,” Clark Construction Company, Lansing, Michigan, February 28, 2012

National American Indian Housing Council Legislative Conference, “BIA Leasing Regulations and Indian Housing,” Washington Court Hotel, Washington, D.C., February 15, 2012

Department of the Interior Tribal Consultation Session, “Proposed Rule 25 C.F.R. Part 162,” Palm Springs Convention Center, Palm Springs, California, January 12, 2012

Department of the Interior Tribal Consultation Session, “Proposed Rule 25 C.F.R. Part 162,” The Arctic Club, Seattle Washington, January 10, 2012

National Council of Legislators from Gaming States Winter Meeting, “Tribal Gaming and the States: Where Should the Money Go?” Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada, January 7, 2012

Department of the Interior Tribal Consultation Session, “Draft Rule 25 C.F.R. Part 162,” Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 6, 2011

National Indian Gaming Association Annual Conference, “*Carciari* and Indian Gaming,” Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix, Arizona, April 4, 2011

Department of the Interior Tribal Consultation Session, “Draft Rule 25 C.F.R. Part 162,” Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building, Fort Snelling, Minnesota, March 31, 2011

Department of the Interior Tribal Consultation Session, “Draft Rule 25 C.F.R. Part 162,” Las Vegas Hilton Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 17, 2011

Federal Bar Association D.C. Indian Law Conference, “Looking to 1934: Perspectives on the Fee-to-Trust Process (Moderator),” National Museum of the American Indian, Washington, D.C., November 5, 2010

Michigan State University College of Law Indigenous Law Program Spring Speaker Series, “Alumni Reflections,” Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing, Michigan, April 21, 2010

Fort Berthold Indian Reservation Oil and Gas Summit, “Keynote Speaker,” 4 Bears Casino & Lodge, New Town, North Dakota, April 2010

Federal Bar Association Indian Law Conference, “Focus on Indian Gaming Under the Obama Administration,” Buffalo Thunder Resort, Santa Fe, New Mexico, April 3, 2009

COMMUNITY SERVICE & PERSONAL INTERESTS

2020-Pres. – Member of Title Track Board of Directors

2020 – Member of Biden-Harris Campaign Native American Policy Subcommittee

2018 – Assistant Coach for Brimley High School Junior Varsity Football Team

2016 – Member of Native American Policy Group for the Clinton-Kaine Presidential Campaign

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2015-19 – Member of Brimley Area Schools Native American Education Committee

2008 – Michigan Native American Vote Coordinator, Obama-Biden Presidential Campaign

2008-2009 – Member of the Nokomis Learning Center Board of Directors, Okemos, Michigan

- Contributor to Turtle Talk Indian Law Blog, an Indian law and policy blog with a national audience

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AWARDS

- 2020 Clean Water Action Great Lakes Protectors Award Recipient (on behalf of Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority member Tribes)
- 2015 Recipient of the Michigan Lawyers Weekly Award for “Up and Coming Lawyers” 2011 Recipient of the Washington, D.C. Native American Bar Association “Excellence in Government Service” Award
- 2011 Recipient of the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development “40 Under 40” Award
- 2005 Recipient* of the Native American Journalist Association “Best Column Writing” for Monthly Publications

** Award was presented to the Bay Mills News for “On My Fishbox,” a bi-weekly political column authored by Bryan Newland*

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

State of Michigan
Bay Mills Indian Community Tribal Court
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Court
United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan