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APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Law, Michigan State University College of Law
Associate Director, MSU Indigenous Law & Policy Center
Faculty Member, American Indian Studies Program, Michigan State University
Chief Justice, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Appellate Court

EDUCATION

A.B., Social Studies, *magna cum laude*, Harvard College, 1995
J.D., Harvard Law School, 1999

EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Law, Michigan State University College of Law,
July 2006 – present

Associate Director, MSU College of Law Indigenous Law & Policy Program,
July 2006 – present

Assistant Professor of Law, University of North Dakota School of Law,
August 2005 – May 2006

Fellow, Northern Plains Indian Law Center at UND School of Law,
August 2005 – May 2006

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of North Dakota School of Law,
August 2004 – May 2005

General Counsel, Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, LLC (wholly owned by the
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians),
March 2003 – March 2004

Associate, Kanji & Katzen P.L.L.C., Ann Arbor, Michigan,
August 2001 – August 2004

Associate, Dickinson Wright PLLC, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan,
March 2000 – August 2001

Associate, Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman, LLP, Washington, DC
September 1999 – March 2000

COURSES TAUGHT

Federal Indian Law
Natural Resources Law
Advanced Topics in Indian Law: Native Natural Resources
Indigenous Law & Policy Center I and II (an Experiential Learning Course)
Indigenous Peoples and International Law
Tribal Economic Development
Remedies
Uniform Commercial Code: Sales

PUBLICATIONS

Cultural Sovereignty and Transplanted Law: Tensions in Indigenous Self-Rule, 15
KAN. J. L. & PUB. POL'Y 357 (2006)

Labor Relations and Tribal Self-Governance, 80 N.D. L. REV. 691 (2004)

Power, Authority and Tribal Property, 41 TULSA LAW REVIEW 21-50 (2006)
(with Matthew L.M. Fletcher)

Indian Treaties and the Survival of the Great Lakes, 2007 MICH. ST. L. REV. ____
(forthcoming 2007) (with Matthew L.M. Fletcher)

THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT AT 30: FACING THE FUTURE (co-editor with
Matthew L.M. Fletcher of collection of 14 essays) (under contract to Michigan
State University Press)

*Walking Blind: Barriers to Measuring and Enforcing State Compliance with the
Indian Child Welfare Act*, in THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT AT 30: FACING THE
FUTURE (under contract to Michigan State University Press)

TRIBAL LEGAL STUDIES TEXTBOOK SERIES VOLUME 8: FEDERAL INDIAN LAW
(with Matthew L.M. Fletcher) (commissioned by the Tribal Law and Policy
Institute for publication by AltaMira Press)

Contributor, THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN INDIAN HISTORY, Bruce E.
Johansen and Barry M. Pritzker, eds. (ABC-CLIO 2007)

TRIBAL COURT OPINIONS AND RULES AUTHORED

Carey v. Victories Casino (Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Court of Appeals) (2007)

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Mnodaawin Rules (Odawa Peacemaking) (2007)

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Rules of Civil Procedure (2006)

In re: Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Request for Advisory Opinion (Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Judiciary) (2006)

McFall v. Victories Casino (Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Court of Appeals) (2005)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

The Political Economy of Tribal Legal Development: An Empirical Study of Tribal Lawmaking

PRESENTATIONS

"Making Space for Scholarship as an Indian Law Clinician," Symposium and Workshop on Indian Law Clinics and Externship Programs: Pedagogy, Methodology, and Curriculum Design, University of New Mexico School of Law, Albuquerque, NM (June 22 - 23, 2007).

"Tribal Law and Same-Sex Marriage," 2006-2007 Nokomis Learning Center Lecture Series on Gender Diversity, Okemos, MI (June 5, 2007)

"Walking Blind: Barriers to Measuring and Enforcing State Compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act," Michigan State University College of Law, Third Annual Indigenous Law Conference, The Indian Child Welfare Act at 30: Facing the Future, East Lansing, MI (March 16-17, 2007)

Moot Court Judge, Michigan Indian Education Council, 2007 Native American Critical Issues Conference, Grand Rapids, MI (March 1-3, 2007)

Workshop Participant, The New Realism: The Next Generation of Scholarship in Federal Indian Law, Boalt Hall-National Congress of American Indians Conference, Berkeley, CA (Nov. 13-14, 2006)

"A Primer on the Full Faith and Credit, Comity and the Michigan Court Rule for the Enforcement of Tribal Judgments," and "Monitoring and Evaluating Tribal

Courts: What are the Issues?," Michigan Indian Judicial Association Annual Meeting, Harbor Springs, MI (November 5-6, 2006)

"Cultural Sovereignty and Transplanted Law: Tensions in Indigenous Self-Rule," Celebration of Native American Alumni/ae Conference at Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, October 27 – 28, 2006

"What's Unique about the Same-Sex Marriage Debate in Indian Country?," presented at the annual recognition of Helen Hamilton Day, University of North Dakota School of Law, Grand Forks, ND, March 31, 2006

"Tribal Traditional Dispute Resolution as Portrayed in Louise Erdrich's Short Story, *Shamengwa*," guest speaker presentation to students enrolled in Law and Literature at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND, November 18, 2005

"An Introduction to American Indian Law," presented at the 2005 Mid-America Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Grand Forks, ND, October 8, 2005 (with Matthew L.M. Fletcher)

"Cultural Sovereignty and Transplanted Law: Tensions in Indigenous Self-Rule," presented at the 2005 Tribal Law and Government Conference, Kansas Law School, Lawrence, KS, September 30, 2005

"An Overview of Indian Gaming," presented at the Indian Law Summit hosted by Project Peacemaker at Turtle Mountain Community College, Belcourt, ND, August 1, 2005

"Tribal Sovereignty and Tribal Relationships with Local Governments," presented at the Indian Law Summit hosted by Project Peacemaker at Turtle Mountain Community College, Belcourt, ND, August 1, 2005

"Cultural Sovereignty and Transplanted Law: Tensions in Indigenous Self-Rule," presented as a work-in-progress at the First Annual Indian Law Scholars Roundtable, Northwestern School of Law, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR, July 9, 2005

"The Powers of Tribal Sovereignty: Implications for Human Resources," guest speaker presentation to students enrolled in Public Personnel Administration at UND College of Business and Public Administration, Grand Forks, ND, April 20, 2005

"The Development of a Model Tribal Secured Transactions Code," 30th Annual Indian Law Conference, sponsored by the Federal Bar Association, Albuquerque, NM, April 14-15, 2005

“Labor Relations and Tribal Self-Governance,” North Dakota Law Review Tribal Economic Development Symposium, Grand Forks, ND, April 1-2, 2005

“Federal Recognition of Indian Tribes: Interplay Between Anthropology and the Law,” presentation before the UND Anthropology Club, Grand Forks, ND, December 6, 2004 (with Matthew L.M. Fletcher)

“Tribal Recognition of Same-Sex Marriages,” Sixth Annual Washington, DC Indian Law Conference, sponsored by the Federal Bar Association, Washington, DC, September 23-24, 2004

SERVICE

Member, MSU College of Law Dean Search Committee, June 2007 - present

Member, MSU College of Law Committee on Faculty Development and Programs, June 2007 - present

Member, EAGLE (Educating Anishnaabe: Giving, Learning, and Empowering) (EAGLE is the American Indian Faculty and Staff Association of MSU), May 2007 - present

Chair, Federal Bar Association – Indian Law Section Tribal Justice Committee, April 2007 - present

Chair-Elect, American Association of Law Schools Section on Indian Nations and Indigenous Peoples, January 2007 - present

Planning Committee Member, Michigan Indian Day Event 2007, “Seven Generations (Níizhwaaswi): Planning for the Future of Anishinaabe in the 21st Century,” 2006 - present

Faculty Member, Michigan State University American Indian Studies Program, 2006 - present

Secretary and Board Member, Michigan Indian Judicial Association, 2006 – present

Member, MSU College of Law Curriculum Committee, 2006 – 2007

Member, MSU College of Law Bar Admissions Workgroup, 2006 – 2007

Secretary, American Association of Law Schools Section on Indian Nations and Indigenous Peoples, 2006 - 2007

External Reviewer, *The Indigenous Law Journal*, 2005 - present

Secretary, National Native American Bar Association, 2005 – 2007

Fellow, Northern Plains Indian Law Center, 2005 – 2006 (responsible for assistance with program development and the recruitment and retention of Native students at UND School of Law)

Member, UND School of Law Admissions Committee, 2005 - 2006

Member, University of North Dakota Faculty Awards Committee, 2005 - 2006

Faculty Advisor, UND Native American Law Students Association, 2005 - 2006

Informal Commentator, Detroit Institute of Arts, North American Indian Art Exhibit re-installation, 2005

Observer, Native American Liaison Committee, National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, 2004 – present

Member, UND School of Law Student Affairs Committee, 2004 - 2006

Judge, UND School of Law Moot Court Competition, 2004 – 2006

Member, UND School of Law Anti-Racism Task Force, 2004 - 2005

North Dakota State Coordinator, Native Vote/Election Protection, 2004 - 2005

Appellate Justice, Appellate Court of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, 2003 – present

Vice Chair, Economic Development Commission, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, 2002 – 2004

Member, American Bar Association, 2001 – present

Member, Federal Bar Association, 2001 – present

BAR ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Michigan
United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan
Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Tribal Legal Development

Tribal Natural Resources Management
Tribal Justice Systems

TRIBAL AFFILIATION

Member, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians