



## Kerry K. Patterson, Partner

Practice Areas	Native American Law Environment and Natural Resources Real Estate Land Use Construction
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### Professional Summary

Kerry K. Patterson focuses on gaming, commercial transactions, leasing, finance and economic development in Indian country, and has developed gaming projects and negotiated tribal-state gaming compacts in several jurisdictions. She leads lease negotiations and resolves environmental conflicts, and has extensive experience engaging with state and federal governments on behalf of clients, whose interests include gaming ordinances, financings, development and management agreements, land into trust and Indian lands determinations. Kerry is an enrolled member of the Seneca Nation of Indians.

### Recognitions

- The Best Lawyers in America® - 2019 (Native American Law)
- Top 40 Leaders Under 40, Phoenix Business Journal
- Indian Country's Top Leaders Under 40, National Center for American Indian Economic Development

### Community

- Founding Member and Current Board Member of the Native American Bar Association of Arizona



- Gaming Law Journal, Editorial Board Advisory Committee, William J. Boyd School of Law
- Federal Bar Association Phoenix Chapter, Board Member
- Indian Law and Real Estate Section State Bar of Arizona, Member
- Fort McDowell Yavapai Indian Community, Administrative Law Judge

## Education

- JD, Arizona State University – Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, (Certificate in Indian Law), 2001
- BA, State University of New York, Fredonia, 1997

## News Coverage

- Abourezk, Kevin. “'We were born for this': Native women overcome obstacles in the legal field,” *Indians.com*, May 3, 2019.
- Westney, Andrew. “Feds Say Indian Child Welfare Law Must Stand,” *Law360*, January 17, 2019.
- Westney, Andrew. “Tribes May Lose Leverage for Casinos Without DOI Fail-Safe,” *Law 360*, May 5, 2017.

## Seminars

- Presenter, "The Evolution of Tribal/State Compacts in California," 22nd Annual Western Indian Gaming Conference, February 2017
- Presenter, "Tribal Gaming Legal Issues with States," Winter Meeting of the National Council of Legislators from Gaming States, January 2017

## Publications

- Contributor, Procopio's Native American Law blog [Blogging Circle](#)
- "NIGC's Plan For Enviro Review Exclusion Is Good News," *Law360*, April 2015