

Native American Law

Our Native American Law Practice Group is comprised of attorneys experienced in representing and counseling Tribal governments, Tribal corporations, Inter-Tribal organizations and Tribal-affiliated clients in a wide range of legal matters.

Our Services

We understand and are sensitive to the unique qualities of Native American Tribal Governments and their legal status, including principles of tribal sovereignty and immunity, self-governance and government contracts. We recognize the uniqueness of each tribal population and their culture, and match our services to your tribal needs. Within this legal and cultural framework, we offer Tribal Governments and businesses assistance with the following:

- Self-governance compacts and administration
- Cultural resources and sacred site protection
- Intergovernmental negotiations and agreements
- Indian healthcare clinic contracts and operations
- Real estate acquisition and development
- Indian Country Leasing, licenses of use agreements
- Financing and construction of hotel, gaming and governmental facilities
- Reservation land use plans
- Tribal natural resource protection and use
- Creation and implementation of tribal regulatory programs
- Endangered Species Act, Section 404 and Clean Water Act permitting for tribes
- Fee-to-trust transfers
- Cultural Resource Protection litigation
- Reservation boundary defense
- Tribal employment matters
- Indian water rights and water district agreements



- Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act Treatment as a State
- Tribal environmental impact reports
- Tribal access and Indian Reservation roads
- Tribal ordinance and policy development
- Business, construction and program contracts
- Construction disputes and contracting
- Hospitality

Native American Law Resources

- [Early Issues to Address Native American Projects](#)
- [Do Your Tribal Contracts Really Protect You?](#)
- [Practical Estate Planning Tips for Native Americans](#)
- [Practical Tips for Equipment Leasing Transactions by Native American Tribes](#)
- [Do You Know Which Employment Laws Apply to Your Tribal Business?](#)
- [The Blogging Circle - A regular forum sharing legal news and ideas affecting Native American communities](#)

We work as part of the Native American Community

Procopio's Native American Law practice is committed to serving the community it represents. We give generously of our time and pro bono hours by offering our services to support many programs in tribal communities. We also sponsor, support and participate in a wide range of Native American community activities including partnerships with tribal health and wellness events, [Inter Tribal Sports](#), American Indian Recruitment ([AIR](#)) program.

Procopio Native American Law group supports the following organizations:

- American Indian Recruitment Program – Board Member, Active Volunteers
- American Bar Association Section on Civil Rights & Social Justice
- National Congress of American Indians





- Indian Land Tenure Foundation
- Kumeyaay Diegueno Land Conservancy
- Kumeyaay Community College – Pro Bono Counsel
- California American Indian & Indigenous Film Festival
- Indian Health Services, California Area Tribal Consultation Sponsor
- San Diego Native American Lawyers Association – Firm Member
- California Indian Lawyer Association - Member
- Native American Environmental Protection Coalition – Pro Bono Counsel
- Ocean Discovery Institute – Living Lab Construction Committee Chair
- Studio Earth Alliance (SEA) – Founding Member
- University of California Los Angeles School of Law Native American Student Moot Court Competition, Leaders Project – Judge and Participant
- Tribal Tax Consortium (Development of multi-tribal think tank to discuss the interplay between tribal sovereignty and state and local taxing authority)
- American Bar Association – Native American Resources Committee

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Native American Internship Program

[Procopio's Native American Law Internship](#) is another example of our long-standing tradition of giving back to the community, and continues the firm's investment in the future legal leaders of Indian Country. The Native American Law Internship provides an opportunity for a Native American law students, or law students emphasizing Native American Law, to gain hands-on experience dealing with everyday legal issues facing Native American communities.

The interns are involved in matters that deal with specific Indian law-related legal practice matters and other legal problems. Procopio interns reach out to local Native American youth to provide guidance and inspiration regarding educational direction and opportunities. Interns connect with [Alumni](#) of the Procopio Internship Program to establish a nationwide network of the next generation of Native American attorneys. To learn more about the internship program and submission process, please contact Ted






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Indigenous San Diego Mobile App

The *Indigenous San Diego* mobile app was produced by Procopio and presented in association with the [Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association](#) and [Maataam Naka Shin](#).



Indigenous San Diego

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Indigenous San Diego is a free app connecting you to the area's tribal lands, museums, businesses, exhibits and cultural landmarks.

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- Public museums
- Tribal owned businesses
- Tribal lands
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