

AMERICAN INDIAN & INDIGENOUS PEOPLES LAW CAREER GUIDE



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I. Introduction

This guide is designed to help students, alumni, and others interested in American Indian and Indigenous Peoples law find opportunities for involvement, internships, and employment in the field. We hope it serves as a practical resource for networking, exploring this practice area, and connecting with organizations doing this work.

American Indian and Indigenous Peoples law is a rich and expansive field shaped by the unique legal and political status of tribal nations as sovereign governments that predate the United States, and by the federal trust responsibility – the legally enforceable obligation of the United States to protect tribal lands, resources, and self-governance. The field intersects nearly every area of legal practice, from property, environmental, and natural resources law to human rights, criminal law, family law, and international law, with opportunities at the tribal, state, federal, and international levels.

For those newer to the field, the Legal Information Institute at Cornell University offers a helpful [overview](#) of key federal and state materials. Colorado Law and the Native American Rights Fund jointly created [The Implementation Project](#), which works to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as domestic policy and serves as a hub for resources on the relationship between Tribal, federal, and international law.

1. University of Colorado Law School Programs, Courses, and Initiatives

Colorado Law's American Indian Law Program (AILP) is one of the oldest and most comprehensive programs of its kind in the country. Drawing from the legacy of alumni including Vine Deloria ('70) and a longstanding relationship with the Native American Rights Fund, the AILP is deeply grounded in Indian Country and Indigenous communities throughout the world.

Students pursue the field through doctrinal and clinical courses, and the option to pursue the American Indian Law Clinic and a Certificate in American Indian Law – one of only a handful offered at any ABA-accredited law school. Further hands-on opportunities are available to students through internships and externships, the Native American Law Student Association, and The Implementation Project.

Of approximately 200 ABA-accredited law schools, fewer than half offer dedicated coursework in this field, and less than 20 have a dedicated program. Colorado Law is among the few that offer both.

2. Certificate Program

Colorado Law's American Indian Law Certificate demonstrates the completion of a concentrated course of study on the legal issues facing American Indian tribes and individuals, with additional opportunities to study Indigenous Peoples law globally, through human rights and international law courses. This Certificate is attractive to many legal employers, including tribal, state, and federal government, and firms seeking to do business with tribes and tribal members, and international organizations such as the United Nations and Organization of American States.

Certificate requirements include: 1) at least 92 credit hours (three beyond the J.D. minimum requirement), and 2) at least 18 of those hours in designated Indian law and related courses. Visit [Rules of the Law School](#) for complete details.

Required courses after the first year:

American Indian Law I
American Indian Law II
American Indian Law Clinic

The remaining four (4) credits may be earned from any number of classes enumerated on the [Certificate Program](#) page; recommended courses include: American Indian Law Seminar, Cultural Property, Foundations of Natural Resources Law, Indigenous Peoples in International Law, and International Human Rights.

Many qualifying courses also count toward Colorado Law's International Human Rights Certificate and Environmental Law and Policy Certificate, and students may earn multiple certificates simultaneously.

3. Current Faculty

Colorado Law has several full-time faculty members in the American Indian Law Program.

[**Professor S. James Anaya**](#) has taught and written extensively on international human rights and issues concerning indigenous peoples. Former Dean of the University of Colorado Law School, Professor Anaya is both a University Distinguished Professor and the Nicholas Doman Professor of International Law. Among his numerous publications are his acclaimed book, *Indigenous Peoples in International Law* (Oxford Univ. Press (1996); 2d ed. (2004)), and his widely used textbook, *International Human Rights: Problems of Law, Policy and Process* (Wolters Kluwer, 6th ed. 2011) (with Hurst Hannum and Dinah Shelton). Professor Anaya graduated from the University of New Mexico and Harvard Law School. He served as the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of indigenous Peoples from May 2008 to June 2014. Among his noteworthy activities, he participated in the drafting of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and was lead counsel for the Indigenous parties in *Awas Tingni v. Nicaragua*, in which the Inter-American Court of Human Rights for the first time upheld indigenous land rights as a matter of international law.

[**Professor Kristen Carpenter**](#) is the Council Tree Professor of Law, University Distinguished Professor, and Director of the American Indian Law Program at the University of Colorado Law School. Professor Carpenter served on the United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as its member from North America from 2017-2021 and as Senior Advisor to U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland from 2023-2025. She currently serves as a Justice of the Shawnee Tribe Supreme Court and co-director of [The Implementation Project](#) with the Native American Rights Fund. She is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Harvard Law School. At Colorado Law, Professor Carpenter teaches and writes in the areas of Property, Cultural Property, American Indian Law, Human Rights, and Indigenous Peoples in International Law. She has published several books and legal treatises on these topics, and her articles appear in leading law reviews.

[Professor Sarah Krakoff](#), Moses Lasky Professor of Law, is a nationally recognized expert in Native American law, natural resources law, and environmental justice. She is the recipient of two University-wide awards, the Hazel Barnes Prize for distinguished scholarship and teaching and the Chase Community Service Award for her public service work with low-income communities. From 2021 to 2025, she served as Deputy Solicitor for Parks and Wildlife with the U.S. Department of the Interior. Her publications include *American Indian Law: Cases and Commentary*, *Beyond Zero-Sum Environmentalism*, and *Tribes, Land and Environment*, as well as articles in the *Stanford Law Review*, *California Law Review*, and *Harvard Environmental Law Review*, and other journals. Professor Krakoff is the founder and director of the Acequia Assistance Project which provides free representation to low-income farmers in the San Luis Valley. She has authored amicus briefs in the 6th, 7th, 9th, and 10th Circuits, as well as the Supreme Court of the United States. She received her J.D. from U.C. Berkeley in 1991 and her B.A. from Yale in 1986.

[Associate Professor Vanessa Racehorse](#) is an Associate Professor of Law and a core faculty member of the American Indian Law Program at Colorado Law. Her teaching and scholarship focus on American Indian and Indigenous Peoples law, human rights, international law, and environmental justice. Professor Racehorse is a member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and a descendant of the Cherokee Nation and Shoshone-Paiute Tribes. Prior to joining the Colorado Law faculty, she served as a Deputy Attorney General for the Colorado River Indian Tribes and was an Associate at Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP, a national law firm dedicated to representing Native American interests. Professor Racehorse holds a B.A. from the University of Denver, a J.D. from Columbia Law School, and an LL.M. in International Criminal Law from the University of Amsterdam. At Columbia, she was President of the Native American Law Students Association and Bluebook Editor for the *Columbia Law Review*.

[Associate Clinical Professor Christina Stanton](#) is the Director of the American Indian Law Clinic. Prior to joining the Colorado Law faculty, Professor Stanton served as Director of Operations at First Peoples Worldwide, where she led targeted international research strategy on behalf of Indigenous partners in parallel with market-based corporate advocacy. She also directed the First Peoples Worldwide student research program, which seeks to develop early-career professionals and Native leaders in the field. Christina holds a J.D. with an American Indian Law certificate from the University of Colorado and a B.A. from the Johns Hopkins University.

4. Local Community

The American Indian Law Program often collaborates with the [Native American Rights Fund](#) (NARF) and its [National Indian Law Library](#) headquartered in Boulder, and with other major American Indian organizations in the Denver-Boulder area, including the [Denver Indian Center](#), the [American Indian College Fund](#), the [Denver Indian Family Resource Center](#), [Denver Indian Health and Family Services](#), the [Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies](#) at CU Boulder, and directly with tribes and tribal government.

Colorado Law has long-standing relationships with Colorado's two resident Indian tribes, the [Southern Ute Tribe](#) and the [Ute Mountain Ute Tribe](#). With more than 30,000 American Indians living within a 30-mile radius of the CU campus, the Law School is ideally situated in what is referred to as the "Hub of Indian Country."

The annual [Denver March Powwow](#) is one of the largest and longest running American Indian gatherings in the United States.

5. Scholarships, Writing Competitions, and Fellowships

The [American Indian Graduate Center](#) posts fellowship opportunities for law students, as does the [National Native American Bar Association](#). Additional scholarship opportunities can be found at [Cobell Scholarship](#), [Native Forward Scholars Fund](#), [National Native American Law Students Association](#), the [American Indian College Fund](#), and by contacting the American Indian Law Program fellow, who is tasked with curating scholarship opportunities for Native American students and students who hope to work in the field of American Indian law. From time to time, the Colorado Indian Bar Association offers scholarships to individuals studying American Indian law at Colorado Law.

In addition, students interested in American Indian & Indigenous Peoples law have several writing competitions available to them, which are excellent opportunities to publish, build a portfolio, and earn awards while in law school.

- [National NALSA Writing Competition](#) – encourages students nationwide to research and publish on legal issues affecting Native Nations, intertribal organizations, and Indigenous communities. Colorado Law Review, in partnership with CU's NALSA and AILP, hosted the 2025-2026 competition. A Colorado Law student took second place in this competition.
- [American Indian Law Review National Writing Competition](#) – sponsored by the University of Oklahoma College of Law, this is the longest-running competition of its kind; open to J.D. and graduate law students at accredited U.S. and Canadian law schools. Papers may address any legal issue concerning American Indians or other Indigenous Peoples.
- [ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources \(SEER\) Law Student Writing Competition](#) – this annual competition includes an Indigenous Law track among its five topic categories, making it a strong option for students whose interests sit at the intersection of American Indian law and natural resources or environmental law.
- [Hager Prize](#) – awarded for the best student or faculty writing on the Indian Child Welfare Act or any legal issue concerning Native American children, presented in connection with an annual ICWA symposium.

Although not practice area specific, students can also search [AccessLex Institute's Scholarship Databank](#) for Scholarships and Writing Competitions, which is a curated and vetted database of such opportunities throughout the country.

6. Special Events

The Program often collaborates with Colorado Law's [Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment](#), the Native American Law Students Association (NALSA) and CU's undergraduate Native American organization, Oyate, to host special Indian law focused events. Major events held at the Law School include special sessions of

the [Navajo Nation Supreme Court](#) and Peacemaker Court, scholarly symposiums such as, "Indigenous Sovereignty & Sacred Lands," film screenings such as "The American Southwest" in partnership with GWC, as well as a student led powwow on campus organized through Oyate.

Colorado Law and its National Native American Law Students Association hosted the [National Native American Law Students Association Moot Court](#) in February 2022, bringing students and leaders in the field to Boulder for an amazing opportunity to network and see what litigation in the field can look like.

7. Alumni

Many of our alumni have long practiced Indian law, as highlighted in a recent issue of the Colorado Law [Amicus](#). A few representative employers include: Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, Cherokee Nation, Office of General Counsel, Drummond Woodsum, First Peoples Worldwide, Peebles Bergin (formerly Fredericks Peebles & Morgan), Patterson Real Bird & Rasmussen, Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary, Indian Law Resource Center, Montana Dept. of Justice, Attorney General's Office, National Indian Gaming Commission, Navajo Nation Department of Justice, Office of the Navajo Tax Commission, Three Affiliated Tribes, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, U.S. Department of the Interior, and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

American Indian Law Program Fellows have found great opportunities in the field:

- **Hannah Adhers** ('25), Coquille Indian Tribal Attorney's Office
- **Edyael Casaperalta** ('18), Legal Advisor to Commissioner Gomez of the Federal Communications Commission
- **Daniel Cordalis** ('11), Staff Attorney with NARF
- **Danielle Lazare-Thompson** ('02), Attorney at Big Fire Law & Policy Group

II. Career Opportunities

1. Internships / Externships / American Indian Law Program

Colorado Law students often serve as law clerks, interns, or externs with local Indian law firms, non-profit entities serving the Native American community such as the NARF, and government agencies such as the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Tribal Programs](#), and the [Southern Ute Tribal Court](#). The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe is starting an externship program in Spring 2027 to which Colorado Law students can apply. The externship will be remote with a requirement to work in-person during Spring Break.

Faculty with the American Indian Law Program often hire law students as Research Assistants, providing an opportunity for students to work with faculty on projects that will be published by leading law review journals. [The Implementation Project](#) also hires students who receive terrific experience at the intersection of tribal, federal, and international law.

2. Post-Graduate Fellowships

i. American Indian Law Program Fellowship

Colorado Law's American Indian Law Program hires one post-graduate fellow for a one- to two-year term on an ongoing basis. The Program Fellow is tasked with various departmental responsibilities, including but not limited to:

- Assisting AILP faculty with research, drafting, and editing of materials for publication;
- Assisting with AIL course offerings, from general duties like scheduling to more involved work like helping students or leading portions of course lectures;
- Identifying grant funding opportunities and preparing grant proposals for departmental projects;
- Occasional travel to tribal communities and conferences related to departmental projects;
- Fellows also can choose an area of personal research interest and prepare scholarly work for potential publication.

The fellowship position is competitive and offers a broad array of professional development and networking opportunities within and outside of tribal communities. The fellowship position is typically posted in late spring or early summer, depending on departmental needs, and can be found on the internal Colorado Law jobs board, CDOOnline.

ii. Design-Your-Own (and other) Post-Graduate Public Interest Fellowships

Students interested in working for an AIL non-profit post-grad may consider applying for a post-grad public interest fellowship. Funding sources such as [Equal Justice Works](#), [Skadden Foundation](#), and [Justice Catalyst](#) accept applications from students and non-profits who collaborate to develop a project proposal lasting anywhere from 1-3 years depending on the funding source. Applications for these opportunities are generally due early in a student's 3L year to begin in the fall after graduation.

In other instances, a non-profit might host and fund its own Fellow, a post-graduate opportunity lasting for a set amount of time that may or may not lead to permanent employment. For example, the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) periodically accepts applications for a post-grad 2-year fellowship program, the duties for which are defined by NARF.

3. Tribal Governments

There are currently 575 federally recognized [American Indian tribes](#), many of which have in-house counsel, offices of a tribal attorney, or other internal positions. The directory of [Tribal Leaders](#) provides contact information, and the [Tribal In-House Counsel Association](#) (TICA) serves as a professional association, with job listings. Research each tribe thoroughly via its website and secondary sources before applying.

4. Tribal Courts

Some Colorado Law graduates have pursued Tribal Court Clerkships. The [National American Indian Court Judges Association](#) is the leading professional organization for tribal judges and clerks, while the [Tribal Court Directory](#) lists the federally recognized tribes and the tribal courts.

Tribal Courts may offer judicial internship and clerkship positions; some of which may include, but are not limited to, the following. Such postings may be found on CDOonline or by searching the tribe's careers site.

- [Cherokee Nation](#)
- [Coquille Indian Tribe](#)
- [Fort Berthold District Court of the Three Affiliated Tribes](#)
- [Ho-Chunk Nation](#)
- [Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe](#)
- [Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation](#)
- [Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians](#)
- [Narragansett Indian Tribe](#)
- [Navajo Nation](#)
- [Oneida Nation](#)
- [Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians](#)
- [Passamaquoddy Tribe](#)
- [Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe](#)
- [San Carlos Apache Tribe Department of Justice](#)
- [Southern Ute](#)
- [Ute Mountain Ute Tribe](#)
- [Yukon Tribal Court](#)

[Tribal Access to Justice Innovation](#) also maintains a list of organizations involved with tribal justice that may have job openings and opportunities for involvement in the field.

[Findlaw.com -- State Legal Aid Resources](#) provides information on organizations nationwide by region and practice area.

Students interested in an externship or internship with a tribal court should schedule an appointment with the [Career Development Office](#).

5. Public Interest, Legal Services, and Bar Associations

A non-exhaustive list of firms, providers, policy organizations, and bar associations in the field is as follows, many of which maintain job boards or pro bono opportunities.

- i. Public Interest Law Firms and Legal Services Providers
 - [California Indian Legal Services](#) – Free/low-cost legal services to California tribes and individuals (est. 1967).
 - [DNA Legal Services](#) – Serves low-income individuals across three states and seven tribal nations.

- [Indian Law Resource Center](#) – Combats racism and oppression against Indigenous Peoples across North America.
- [Michigan Indian Legal Services](#) – Legal services for income-eligible individuals and tribes in Michigan.
- [National Legal Aid and Defender Association – Legal Aid and Defender Offices Directory](#) in the United States and Territories. Contact the Colorado Law Library for assistance accessing this material.
- [Native American Rights Fund](#) – Provides representation and services to Indigenous tribes, organizations, and individuals across the United States.
- [Native American Legal Services of Oregon](#) – Provides access to legal assistance and support in Oregon.
- [Oklahoma Indian Legal Services](#) – Free representation for low-income Native Americans in housing, child welfare, land, civil rights, and/or tribal sovereignty disputes.
- [Pine Tree Legal Assistance](#) – Nonprofit organization located in the State of Maine, which has an Indigenous Peoples Unit.

ii. Indigenous Policy Organizations

- [National Congress of American Indians](#) – Oldest and largest national tribal-government organization (est. 1944).
- [Tribal Law and Policy Institute](#) – Native American operated non-profit; training and technical assistance for tribal justice system.
- [United South & Eastern Indian Tribes](#) – Supports member tribes on governance and public policy issues.

iii. American Indian and Indigenous Peoples' Bar Associations

- [American Bar Association](#) (Native American Resources Committee)
- [Australian Bar Association](#)
- [California Indian Law Association](#)
- [Colorado Indian Bar Association](#) (in the process of re-activating)
- [Federal Bar Association \(Indian Law Section\)](#)
- [Indigenous Bar Association of Canada](#)
- [National Native American Bar Association](#)
- [New Zealand Bar Association](#)
- [Northwest Indian Bar Association](#)
- [Oklahoma Indian Bar Association](#)
- [State Bar of New Mexico \(Indian Law Section\)](#)
- [Washington State Bar Association \(Indian Law Section\)](#)

To find regional groups dedicated to the practice of Indigenous Peoples law and policy, you can search by state, jurisdiction, practice area, or nation. Many organizations exist worldwide with a focus on this field; however, they are not always regularly updated or currently active.

6. Federal Government

i. Agencies

There are several federal agencies that work on Indigenous Peoples' issues. Listed below are a few key government agencies. A more complete set can be found at the [Tribal Court Clearinghouse](#).

- [U.S. Department of Interior](#)
- [Bureau of Indian Affairs](#)
- [Bureau of Reclamation's Native American Affairs Office and Program Minerals Management Service](#)
- [U.S. Department of Justice - Energy & Natural Resources Division, Tribal Resources Section](#)
- [U.S. Department of Justice - Office of Tribal Justice](#)
- [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#)
- [Administration for Native Americans Indian Health Service](#)
- [U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development Office of Native American Programs](#)

ii. Congress

Within the United States Senate and United States House of Representatives there are committees and subcommittees that are tasked with oversight of US-Tribal governmental relationships and the appropriate application of law and treaty rights in domestic governance. The two of note are:

- [United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs](#)
- [United States House Committee on Indian and Insular Affairs](#)

iii. State Government Opportunities

Each state structures tribal-affairs work differently, so research the relevant state directly. Below is a non-exhaustive list of state government opportunities:

- [Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation – Tribal Relations Division](#)
- [Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Affairs – Tribal Relations Division](#)
- [Arizona's Governor's Office of Tribal Relations](#)
- [Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs](#)
- [Maine Tribal-State Commission](#)
- [Michigan Department of Health & Human Services - Native American Affairs](#)
- [New Mexico Department of Indian Affairs](#)

7. Law Firms and Private Practice

Law firms with American Indian Law practices from [PSJD](#)¹ and other sources. This list is not all inclusive. Please also visit [Martindale](#) to conduct local state and city searches by practice area.

¹ [PSJD](#), an initiative of the National Association for Law Placement (NALP), is an online clearinghouse for law students and lawyers to connect with public interest job listings and career-building resources. The Career Development Office pays for access to PSJD so that students need only use their Colorado.edu email address as the username to create a password and access this resource for free.

- [Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP](#), Los Angeles, CA; Washington, DC & San Antonio, TX
- [Arnold & Porter](#), Denver, CO and nationally
- [Big Fire Law and Policy Group](#), Omaha, NE; Winnebago, NE & Washington, DC
- [Burch & Cracchiolo](#), Phoenix, AZ; Orange County, CA & Las Vegas, NV
- [Cedar Tree Native Law](#), Omaha, NE & Rapid City, SD
- [Crowe & Dunlevy](#), Oklahoma City, Tulsa, OK & Dallas, TX
- [Davis Wright Tremaine](#), Anchorage, AK; Bellevue, WA & Culver City, CA
- [Dentons](#), Phoenix, AZ; Washington, DC; Honolulu, HI; Portland, OR & San Francisco, CA
- [Doerner, Saunders, Daniel & Anderson](#), Oklahoma City, Tulsa, OK
- [Dorsey & Whitney](#), Minneapolis, MN & Seattle, WA
- [Elk River Law Office PLLP](#), Billings, MT
- [Godfrey & Kahn](#), Appleton, Green Bay, Madison, Milwaukee, Waukesha, WI
- [Greenberg Traurig](#), Denver, CO and nationally
- [Gust Rosenfeld \(formerly Hufford, Horstman, Mongini, Parnell & Tucker, P.C.\)](#), Flagstaff, AZ
- [Hall, Estill, Hardwick, Gable, Golden & Nelson](#), Fayetteville, AR; Oklahoma City, Tulsa, OK & Washington, DC
- [Hogen Adams](#), Saint Paul, MN; Lafayette, CO
- [Holland & Hart](#), Denver, CO
- [Holland & Knight](#), Los Angeles, San Francisco, CA; Washington, DC; Chicago, IL & New York, NY
- [Hughes Hubbard & Reed, LLP](#), Los Angeles, CA & New York, NY
- [Invenio Tribal Law, LLP](#), Washington, DC
- [Jenner & Block](#), Chicago, IL; Los Angeles, CA; San Francisco, CA; New York, NY; Washington, DC & London, UK
- [K&L Gates \(formerly Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Preston Gates Ellis, LLP\)](#), Anchorage, AK; Washington, DC; Harrisburg, PA & Seattle, WA
- [Kanji & Katzen](#), Ann Arbor, MI & Seattle, WA
- [Maynes, Bradford, Shipp and Sheftel](#), Durango, CO
- [Miller Nash](#), Portland, OR & Seattle, WA
- [Morisset, Schlosser, Jozwiak & Somerville](#), Seattle, WA
- [Mshkawzi Law, LLP](#), Grand Rapids, MI
- Native Energy Resources Counsel, LLC, Boulder, CO
- [Nordhaus Law Firm](#), Washington, DC; Albuquerque, Santa Fe, NM
- [Olson & Howard, P.C. \(formerly Olson, Bzdok & Howard\)](#), Traverse City, MI
- [Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP](#), Los Angeles, Orange County, Sacramento, San Francisco, Silicon Valley, CA; Washington, DC; New York, NY & Pacific Northwest
- [Peebles Bergin \(formerly Fredericks Peebles & Morgan\)](#), Louisville, CO; Sacramento, CA & Washington, DC
- [Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, LLP](#), Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, Silicon Valley, CA & Washington, DC
- [Pipestem Law, P.C. \(formerly Pipestem & Nagle\)](#), Tulsa, OK & Washington, DC
- [Robins Kaplin LLP](#), Bismarck, ND; Boston, MA; Minneapolis, MN; New York, NY; Silicon Valley, Los Angeles, CA & Sioux Falls, SD
- [Setter, Roche, Smith & Shellenberger LLP](#), Denver & Fort Collins
- [Sonosky Chambers Sachse Endreson & Perry, LLP](#), Anchorage, AK; San Diego, CA; Washington, DC & Albuquerque, NM

- [Squire Patton Boggs, LLP](#), Anchorage, AK; Washington, DC & Global
- [Stinson LLP \(formerly Stinson Morrison Hecker\)](#), Phoenix, AZ; Washington, DC; Kansas City, MO & Omaha, NE
- [Stoel Rives](#), Portland, OR & Seattle, WA
- [Williams Kastner](#), Seattle, WA
- [Ziontz Chestnut \(formerly Ziontz, Chestnut, Varnell, Berley & Slonim\)](#), Seattle, WA

8. International Opportunities

i. [United Nations](#)

The United Nations page aggregates opportunities for human rights work worldwide, including positions related to Indigenous Peoples. Some UN agencies and affiliated bodies, such as the [International Labour Organization](#), maintain their own career postings.

ii. [Organization of American States](#)

Opportunities at the Inter-American Commission and Court of Human Rights.

iii. [World Bank Organization](#)

Opportunities at the World Bank Organization.

iv. International Organizations

There are numerous organizations that engage in international law, policy, and advocacy work. The list below is a starting point for those interested in exploring this area of legal work.

- [Amazon Watch](#)
- [American Society of International Law's Indigenous Peoples' Rights Section & Newsletter](#) (ASIL is an association)²
- [Amnesty International](#)
- [African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights](#)
- [African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights](#)
- [Asian Indigenous Peoples Pact](#)
- [Center for World Indigenous Studies](#)
- [Coalition of the Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#)
- [Cultural Survival](#)
- [European Court of Human Rights](#)
- [First Peoples Worldwide](#)
- [Forest Peoples Programme](#)
- [Indian Law Resource Center](#)
- [Indigenous Peoples' Centre for Documentation, Research and Information](#)
- [Indigenous Environmental Network](#)
- [International Indian Treaty Council](#)
- [International Indigenous Women's Forum](#)
- [International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs \(IWGIA\)](#)
- [Land Rights Now](#)
- [Minority Rights Group International](#)
- [Native American Rights Fund](#)

² Like PSJD, CU Law students may use their Colorado.edu email address as their username to create a password to access [ASIL](#) for free because the Career Development Office pays for the subscription.

- [Saami Council](#)
- [Survival International](#)
- [University of Calgary International Indigenous Studies](#)
- [World Rainforest Movement](#)

9. Other Useful Indian Law Resources

- [Turtle Talk](#) – legal blog focused on updates and current events in the field.
- [The University of Oklahoma College of Law](#) – publishes The American Indian Law Review, which serves as a nationwide scholarly forum for the presentation and analysis of developments in Indian Law and Indian affairs. It also maintains the Native American Constitution and Law Digitization Project which provides access to Tribal Codes, Constitutions, and other legal documents.
- The [American Indian Law Center](#) – housed at the University of New Mexico, is the oldest existing Indian controlled and operated legal and public policy organization in the country. The AILC provides preparatory legal education to individuals, training and technical assistance to tribes and their courts, and policy analysis.
- [The Cornell Legal Information Institute](#) – provides a general overview of American Indian Law including links to important legal documents.
- [Gonzaga University School of Law Library](#) – provides a research guide for American Indian Law, which includes a national database of Tribal Codes, Treatises, and other resources.
- [Indian Country Today](#) – keeps a list of current job openings related to Indian law.
- ASU Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law and [UCLA School of Law Native Nations Law & Policy Center](#) – both provide additional information about resources for those working or hoping to work in Indian law and policy.
- NARF – [Finding Legal Help](#) page has a curated list of organizations engaged in the field.
- Law.com – retains an updated list of [firms with American Indian law and policy practice areas](#) (account required, and free accounts available).

III. Conclusion

American Indian Law and Indigenous Peoples Law are important and growing fields. For an externship, internship, or a full-time position in this area of practice, please schedule an appointment with the [Career Development Office](#) for counseling and resources.