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INDIAN LAW PRACTICE GROUP

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LITIGATION IS SLOW AND EXPENSIVE. WE'RE CHANGING HOW IT'S DONE.

Our goal is to resolve legal issues in a faster, more efficient, cost-effective, and less disruptive way for our tribal clients.

Our attorneys work to eliminate delays and unnecessary costs.

We fight so that tribes, small business owners, and tribal citizens can stand up to giant corporations and government agencies.

Clients who come to **mctlaw** are often outmatched and overwhelmed. We make sure they are heard, can fight back, and get justice.



WHAT WE'RE DOING:

Our legal team advises tribes across the country on matters important to their future. Below is a snapshot of just a few of our current projects:

- Writing tribal constitutions
- Developing tribal codes – e.g., gaming, criminal, courts, elections
- Bringing a Ninth Circuit appeal in the U.S. v. Washington treaty fishing rights case
- Representing tribes in gaming litigation
- Negotiating Class III gaming compacts and compact amendments
- Developing facility license notices for Indian gaming operations
- Updating tribal gaming regulations and casino manuals
- Negotiating contracts pursuant to Public Law 93-638
- Fighting for fish passage past Pacific Northwest dams
- Advocating for federal recognition
- Applying for trademark registrations to protect tribal insignias and names
- Representing tribes in Indian child welfare cases
- Obtaining free surplus federal property for tribes
- Updating tribal housing codes and policies
- Determining tribal jurisdiction over public domain allotments
- Negotiating cannabis, tax, and alcohol MOUs with state and local governments
- Advising tribes and others about Section 8(a) federal contracting opportunities
- Taking down imposter websites
- Addressing internal faction issues

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HELPING TRIBES CLAIM FREE SURPLUS FEDERAL PROPERTY



There are millions of dollars worth of surplus federal property available to tribes at no cost if they know how to find it through government websites.

The main portal is through www.GSAXcess.gov. This website is not available to the general public, but any federally recognized Indian Tribe can access this incredible resource.

Federal agencies use the website to report excess personal property available to transfer to other federal and state agencies, and also to tribes.

GSAXcess enables a Tribe to request a wide range of surplus federal property ranging from laptop computers, vehicles, office furniture, and even firefighting equipment. The list is extensive and gives tribes the opportunity to procure surplus property at no charge.

The attorneys at **mctlaw** counsel our Tribal clients on how to navigate the application process to set up their GSAXcess.gov account and advise them on how to maximize this valuable resource.

Find out how we can help your Tribe.



OUR TEAM



Altom Maglio | Managing Partner

Altom Maglio serves as managing partner at **mctlaw**. Mr. Maglio began the Firm's Indian Law practice because of our Firm's expertise before the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, which is the main venue for many tribal legal issues.

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Jeffrey Nelson | Partner

Jeffrey Nelson manages the Indian Law Practice Group at **mctlaw**. He has more than 25 years of experience practicing Indian law and litigation, and he represents Indian tribes across the United States. He focuses his practice on Indian gaming and tribal governance, helping tribes navigate the complex web of intergovernmental statutes and regulations.

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Derril Jordan | Partner

Former DOI Associate Solicitor Derril Jordan has almost 35 years of experience representing tribes as in-house counsel and in private practice. His focus at **mctlaw** is on developing tribal enterprises, strengthening tribal governance, and improving government-to-government relationships between Indian tribes and the federal government.

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OUR TEAM



Sophie Asher | Attorney

Sophie Asher assists tribes with infrastructure and economic development by creating codes and court structures reflective of the communities and current best practices. Ms. Asher is now working on fee-to-trust applications for a tribal client to increase the Tribe's jurisdictional land base. She most recently spoke at NIGA on trademarking issues and Indigenous intellectual property.

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Kehl Van Winkle | Attorney

Kehl Van Winkle has worked as in-house counsel for the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe. Currently, Kehl focuses on Indian gaming compliance matters, including on-site eligibility issues for those clients who wish to open new facilities. Kehl also works on land use issues throughout Indian Country.

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Jennifer G. Maglio | Attorney

As **mctlaw**'s senior appellate attorney, Jennifer Maglio represents tribes and other clients seeking appeals in state and federal courts. She currently represents a tribal client before the Ninth Circuit in a sub proceeding of the landmark U.S. v. Washington treaty fishing rights litigation.

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Benjamin Christian | Appellate Attorney

Benjamin Christian practices in **mctlaw**'s appellate group, where he currently represents a tribal client in the U.S. v. Washington treaty fishing rights litigation. He previously served as a federal prosecutor and as legal advisor to the Special Operations Aviation Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he prosecuted criminal conduct, oversaw administrative investigations, and advised on federal employment regulations and land use agreements.


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Jason Cejka | Attorney

Jason Cejka represents tribal clients and native-owned businesses in government contracts and business law matters. Previously, he worked as in-house counsel and business advisor for a number of multi-national government and military contractors.

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INDIAN GAMING

The Indian casino and internet gaming industries are complex—loaded with regulations and rules that are nearly impossible to navigate without legal assistance. Our tribal gaming practice helps ensure compliance with all federal and any applicable state laws, while helping tribes create their own gaming codes and regulations in order to serve effectively as the primary regulators of tribal gaming operations.

TRIBAL GOVERNANCE AND INDIAN SOVEREIGNTY

Tribal governments have the sovereign right to govern themselves and their lands. **mctlaw** helps tribal governments protect those rights, uphold and strengthen tribal sovereignty, and exercise that sovereignty in ways that benefit the tribe and its citizens in the long-term.

LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENT

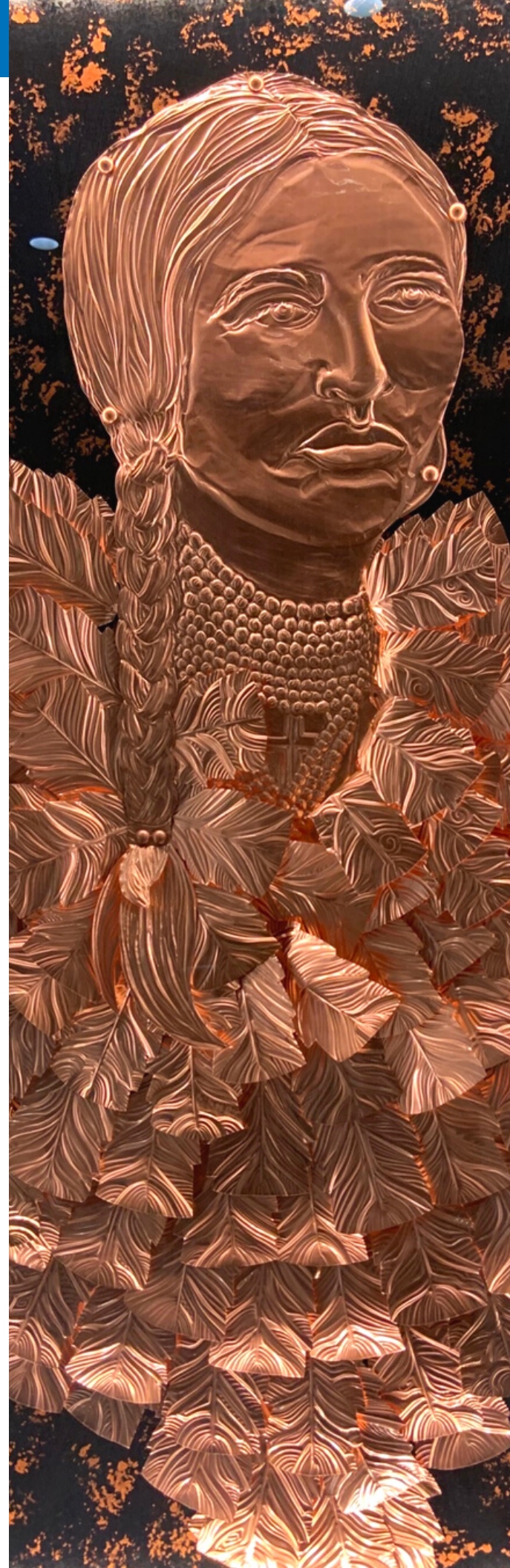
Our Firm also helps with complex issues relating to environmental problems or land-use planning, as well as agricultural issues such as regulating and promoting the production of hemp in Indian Country pursuant to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's new hemp program. We can also assist tribes with complex National Environmental Policy Act consultations, public comment processes, and in the creation of regulations to implement the tribe's environmental policies.

TREATY RIGHTS

From the exercise of criminal jurisdiction within a tribe's reservation to catching salmon at a tribe's usual and accustomed fishing grounds, **mctlaw** is proud to help its tribal clients assert and protect their treaty rights. We have worked with tribes on developing their criminal codes and securing federal funding for a tribal court that has enabled a client to assert, for the first time, treaty-based criminal jurisdiction within its reservation. We have also represented a client in a Ninth Circuit appeal in the landmark treaty fishing litigation *U.S. v. Washington* in order to secure our tribal client's treaty right to fish in its ancestral fishing grounds.

PROTECTING INDIAN HERITAGE

mctlaw understands how important it is to preserve and protect the rich history of Native Americans, and that tribes must sometimes use legal means to do so. There are many ways we can use the law to protect Indian cultural sites and property, including the use of the National Historic Preservation Act, negotiating agreements to protect valuable cultural properties, and getting the word out on government planning that may interfere with cultural practices or values.



LINKEDIN GROUPS

Our Indian Law attorneys are active leaders and admins on LinkedIn community groups focused on tribal issues. Join one of our LinkedIn groups to engage in a larger community discussion.



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Tribal Hemp & Cannabis (THC) Legal Forum

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Tribal Courts and Justice



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Tribal Internet Gaming Alliance

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Federal Funding Opportunities For Tribes



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TESTIMONIALS

*"The Indian law attorneys at **mctlaw** have been fantastic. They have really helped give new life to the UKB Tribal Court, both in terms of funding and the development of tribal law."*



Kristie Bradley

Tribal Court Administrator and citizen of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma

*"The attorneys at **mctlaw** are easy to work with while still producing high-quality results. They listen to our needs and take on many different issues and opportunities facing tribes today."*



Nino Maltos, II

Chairman, Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe

*"The Indian law group at **mctlaw** promised a good deal for our tribal gaming regulation updates, and they delivered! We are very happy to have them on board now for a wide variety of Indian gaming compliance matters."*



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