#### **Holly Miller Anderson**

Holly is an SEO and digital marketing strategist with more than a decade of broad, omnichannel marketing experience that includes marketing films, event management, and experience growing SEO as an acquisition channel across a variety of industries. Holly has held various leadership roles at enterprise-level brands such as Macy's, Bloomingdales, and Sears Parts Direct.

Her industry experience ranges from advising local businesses to enterprise B2B/C brands such as Columbia Sportswear, Yellowpages (YP.com), Thumbtack, The Enthusiast Network (TEN), Disney Parks & Resorts, Mulesoft, NVIDIA, ModCloth, Crock-pot, Foodsaver, and REVOLVE clothing. She has made a career synthesizing what she's learned about consumer behavior to advise marketers and business leaders on their holistic SEO strategy, developing a strategic plan and tactical roadmap that delivers sustainable growth to their business.

Holly is currently a Lead SEO Product Manager at a globally recognized brand leader in the sportswear market. She contributes her time as an industry thought leader, a search industry awards judge and is an established author on Search Engine

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## **David Anthony**

Anthony is a Partner in Troutman Pepper's Consumer Financial Services Practice Group, with a national litigation practice handling litigation against consumer financial services businesses and other highly regulated companies across the U.S. He has significant experience in class actions and complex individual lawsuit and significant litigation experience defending cases under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) and numerous other federal and state consumer protection statutes, with particular expertise in matters that often involve companion government investigations.

#### Saba Bazzazieh

Bazzazieh has dedicated her practice to exclusively serving tribal governments and tribally-owned entities throughout the United States in a wide variety of matters, focusing largely on the promotion of tribal self-governance. Ms. Bazzazieh has successfully streamlined and strengthened the administration of numerous tribal governmental operations by drafting various tribal ordinances and policies, assisting in tribal constitution amendments, and facilitating federal 638 contracts. She has extensive gaming experience and works tirelessly to promote the effective operations of multi-million dollar tribal gaming facilities and preserve tribal economic interests with state, local and federal governments. Ms. Bazzazieh zealously advocates on behalf of tribal clients at the local, state, and federal levels to defend and safeguard tribal self-governance and, in doing so, has assisted in restoring government-to-government relations between the United States and Indian tribes. Ms. Bazzazieh has effectively represented tribal clients in numerous litigation matters before tribal, administrative, state, and federal tribunals.

Ms. Bazzazieh received her Juris Doctor, with honors, from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University, and received her Bachelor's degree, summa cum laude, from the University of Maryland.

#### **Derrick Beetso**

Derrick is the Director of the Indian Gaming and Tribal Self-Governance programs & Professor of Practice at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University. Beetso is a citizen of the Navajo Nation and earned his JD and certificate in Indian law in 2010. Prior to joining ASU Law, Beetso served as the general counsel for the National Congress of American Indians where he handled in-house legal needs and co-managed the Tribal Supreme Court Project with the Native American Rights Fund. Beetso also served as an attorney-adviser within the Office of the Solicitor's Phoenix Field Office, where he provided legal services for the Western Region of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and as counselor to Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn during the

Obama administration. Derrick is licensed to practice law in Maryland, Washington, D.C., and the Navajo Nation, and is a member of the American Law Institute. Beetso also served as an attorney-adviser within the Office of the Solicitor's Phoenix Field Office, where he provided legal services for the Western Region of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the San Carlos Irrigation Project. Previously, he served as counselor to Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn during President Barack Obama's administration.

## **Allison Binney**

Allison is a lawyer and political consultant focused on representing Native American tribal governments and entities for over 20 years. She currently runs her own law office and is a partner at PACE Government Relations. Her current work focuses on public policy, administrative law, gaming law, and advising on and negotiating agreements between tribal and state governments. Allison advocates on behalf of clients before Congress and federal agencies and serves as a subject matter expert before state legislatures.

Prior to that, Allison was a partner at a large international law firm based in Washington, D.C. She also served as senior staff, including staff director and chief legal counsel, to the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs from 2005 to 2011. While at the Committee, Ms. Binney oversaw and assisted in efforts to enact numerous laws impacting Native Americans including provisions in the Affordable Care Act, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the Tribal Law and Order Act, reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, several class-action lawsuit settlements, tribal water rights, and laws relating to housing, the leasing and development of Indian lands, homeland security and language and cultural preservation. Ms. Binney also oversaw congressional investigations and oversight of federal agencies that interact with American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians.

Prior to serving on the Indian Affairs Committee, Allison served as a lawyer at small and big law firms specializing in American Indian law, as the program coordinator for the Indian Legal Program at Arizona State University College of Law, and as a law clerk for the Native American Rights Fund in Washington, D.C.

Allison received her J.D. from Arizona State University College of Law in 2000 and her Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University, Chico. She is a citizen of the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians in Northern California, and in her spare time she focuses on Native American youth issues serving as the Chair of the Advisory Board for the Center for Native American Youth at the Aspen Institute.

## **Geoffrey Blackwell**

Geoffrey Blackwell is General Counsel and Chief of Staff for the National Congress of American Indians. Blackwell brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to NCAI, following eight years of service as the chief strategy officer and general counsel for AMERIND. Blackwell was the founding chief of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Office of Native Affairs and Policy, where he spearheaded efforts to bring modern communication technologies to tribal communities nationwide. In 2000, he also made history as the first enrolled member of a federally recognized Tribal Nation to work at the FCC. Blackwell has played a pivotal role in advocating for broadband policy on behalf of Tribal Nations. He has testified before Congress on seven occasions, and before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. In 2020, was honored as a co-recipient of Public Knowledge's IP3 Internet Protocol Award.

In addition to his role as general counsel and chief of staff, Blackwell maintains active engagement in various national organizations. He serves on the boards of the Native American Rights Fund and the American Indian Policy Institute at Arizona State University. He has also dedicated his efforts to assisting Tribal Nations through involvement with the National Small Business Association, National Federation of Community Broadcasters, Native Public Media, Acoma Business Enterprises, and the Indigenous Commission for Communications Technologies in the Americas. Additionally, within NCAI, he assumes leadership responsibilities as co-chair of both the Economic, Finance, and Community

Development Committee and the Technology and Telecommunications Subcommittee.

Raised in Oklahoma and New Mexico, Blackwell is Chickasaw, Choctaw, Omaha, and Muscogee

Creek. He comes from a family deeply involved in tribal leadership and federal service dedicated to
Indian Country. He is a graduate of Dartmouth College and the University of Virginia School of Law.

#### **Steve Bodmer**

Bodmer has served as an in-house attorney with the Pechanga Office of the General Counsel ("POGC") for the past 5 years, joining as Deputy General Counsel in 2011 and currently serving as General Counsel. Steve is an enrolled member of the Edisto Natchez-Kusso Tribe of South Carolina. Steve received his Juris Doctor from Arizona State University College of Law, where he also received the Indian Legal Program Certificate for extensive study in the area of Federal Indian law. Prior to joining POGC Steve worked in Washington, D.C. on Indian law matters, practiced Indian law in the private practice setting in Phoenix, Arizona, and served as General Counsel for a tribe in Central California. In his role as General Counsel, Steve provides legal counsel to the Tribal Council, the Tribal Government and each of its departments. In addition to his responsibilities over Pechanga Tribal Government legal matters, Steve also oversees the legal affairs of the largest casino and resort in California, the Pechanga Resort & Casino, and provides legal counsel to the Pechanga Development Corporation. Among other areas of practice, Steve specializes in federal Indian law, gaming law, tribal governance, and tribal economic development. Steve is a founding executive board member of the Native American Bar Association of Arizona and is licensed to practice law in California, Arizona, and Washington, D.C.

# **Maranda Compton**

Maranda is an attorney and trusted adviser for Tribal and non-Tribal clients nationwide on issues of Federal Indian law, Tribal law, and project development and permitting. During her time practicing law, Maranda realized that the biggest impediment to successful Tribal engagement was the knowledge gap that exists around the status, rights, and histories of Tribal Nations. She founded Lepwe in 2022 to address the lack of education on Native issues and to build bridges between Native communities and the non-Native entities that seek to consult, engage, and partner with them.

## **Paul Croker**

Paul Croker is a dynamic commercial litigator and a trusted legal adviser to clients facing complex legal issues throughout the country. In his consumer finance practice, Paul handles litigation involving consumer protection laws and governmental regulatory actions and inquiries. He represents his clients' interests throughout the country in litigation ranging from class action lawsuits to commercial contract disputes.

#### **Jody Cummings**

Jody serves as the General Counsel to the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation. In this role, he leads the Nation's Office of Legal Counsel and its Government Affairs Team, which handle all legal and government affairs issues for MPTN, Foxwoods Resort Casino, and all other MPTN initiatives. Jody was formerly in private law practice in Washington, DC, representing tribes, intertribal organizations and entities doing business in Indian Country on a range of federal Indian law and federal permitting issues. During the Obama Administration, Jody served as Senior Counselor to the Solicitor and Deputy Solicitor – Indian Affairs at the U.S. Department of the Interior. Jody received his B.A. from Duke University and J.D. from Columbia University. He is an enrolled member of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina.

#### Charles W. Galbraith

Charles is a citizen of the Navajo Nation with almost 20 years of experience helping tribes understand and utilize their unique legal standing and political relationships in the United States. As Co-Chair of the firm's Native American Law Practice and a partner in the Government

Controversies and Public Policy Litigation Practice, Charlie represents tribal clients in complex litigation matters, sensitive internal investigations, and major financial transactions—all with a careful eye on the unique challenges that tribal leaders must consider when trying to obtain the best possible long-term outcomes.

Charlie previously served in the White House for President Barack Obama as Associate Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement. In this role, he managed the Administration's relationship with all tribal governments and Native American people. Charlie advised the President, cabinet members and Executive Branch agencies on political, legislative, legal, administrative and media issues in what has often been cited as one of the most successful periods for the advancement of Native American affairs. During his White House tenure, he also served as Deputy Associate Counsel for presidential personnel, where he conducted background investigations and vetted individuals under consideration for presidential appointments.

As an Assistant US Attorney for the District of Arizona, Charlie successfully investigated and prosecuted a wide array of federal offenses. As a Legislative Assistant to then-United States Senator Tim Johnson (D-SD), he advised the senator on Indian Affairs, Judiciary and Appropriations matters. These federal government experiences inform Charlie's practice today and make him a sought-after lawyer for tribal governments and businesses and individuals navigating complex and interconnected legal, political, and policy challenges.

## **Phillip Gover**

Phil Gover is a Policy Fellow at the Center for Indian Country Development at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis where he focuses on policy research and projects related to tribal community development investment, the Community Reinvestment Act and data stewardship. Prior to serving at the Fed he was a consultant and social entrepreneur who worked on tribal development projects and helped grow a movement for educational sovereignty through the direct authorization of tribally-run, state-funded public charter schools. He also currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Multiplier organization, a California-based non-profit incubator and accelerator. He has an MBA in Strategy & Operations from the Darden School of Business and a BA in Political and Social Thought, both from the University of Virginia. Phil is an enrolled member of the Cedar Band of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah and also descends from the Northern Paiute, Pawnee and Comanche people.

#### **Chris James**

Chris James is President and CEO of the country's foremost and oldest Native American and Alaska Native business and economic development-focused organization, The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development. Chris is an expert on the Indigenous economy, Native American policy, and economic development, particularly in rural and disadvantaged communities. Chris speaks from first-hand knowledge and experience; his family owned several businesses on the Qualla Boundary in western North Carolina – the reservation for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Chris has guided The National Center into its sixth decade. Under his leadership, The National Center has more than doubled its annual revenue, expanded its national footprint, and grown its staff. In addition to hosting the annual Reservation Economic Summit (RES) – the largest conference and trade show focused exclusively on the American Indian economy – The National Center has implemented the Native Edge Institute series, one-day training sessions designed to give both established and emerging entrepreneurs the tools they need to take their next step. Under Chris's leadership, The National Center has an increased focus on international trade, in particular Indigenous-to-Indigenous trade. The organization also serves as an important connector between corporate America and Native-owned businesses seeking to enter their supply chains. As a former senior official in Department of Treasury and Small Business Administration (SBA) for the entirety the Obama administration, Chris has unique expertise in government contracting, supply chains, underserved markets, community development financial institutions and access to capital,

and issues affecting small business issues. One of the initiatives he led at SBA – Startup in a Day – was praised by President Obama during his 2016 State of the Union address.

Chris serves on numerous boards and leadership committees, including with the SBA, Federal Communications Commission, World Trade Organization, the Center for Indian Country Development at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (where he co-authored a paper on COVID-19's impact on Native American businesses and entrepreneurs), Junior Achievement USA, and First Peoples Worldwide. He is a frequently requested speaker, panelist, moderator, and guest for a wide variety of conferences, events, and organizations. He has testified on Native American and Alaska Native policy before Congress.

#### **EJ John**

E.J. is the Senior Research Analyst at the American Indian Policy Institute (AIPI) at Arizona State University. He is a member of the Navajo Nation from Vanderwagen, New Mexico. He received his J.D. from the University of New Mexico School of Law in 2016 with a concentration in Indian Law. Prior to that, E.J. received his Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of New Mexico in 2013. Before coming to the AIPI, E.J. worked for the Navajo Nation in the Office of Navajo Government Development where he worked on Tribal government reform and policy development.

## Stacy Leeds

Leeds is the Dean of the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. Previously she served as Foundation Professor of Law and Leadership at the ASU Law. She is a scholar of Indigenous law and policy and an experienced leader in law, higher education, economic development and conflict resolution. She holds law degrees from University of Wisconsin (LL.M.) and University of Tulsa (J.D.), a business degree from University of Tennessee (M.B.A)., and an undergraduate degree in history from Washington University in St. Louis (B.A.).

Leeds was the first Indigenous woman to serve as a law school dean. She served as dean of University of Arkansas School of Law (2011-2018) and as the inaugural Vice Chancellor for Economic Development, University of Arkansas (2017-2020). She has been a professor and administrator at University of Kansas and University of North Dakota, and a William H. Hastie Fellow at University of Wisconsin. She is an elected member of the American Law Institute and a recipient of the American Bar Association's Spirit of Excellence Award.

Leeds prioritizes public service at the national and local level. She is a former Cherokee Nation Supreme Court Justice and former Chair of the Cherokee Nation Gaming Commission. She currently serves as a founding board member and treasurer of the Foundation for America's Public Lands, a congressionally-chartered non-profit. She is a corporate board member for <a href="Kituwah LLC">Kituwah LLC</a> (wholly owned business diversification company of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) and board vice-president of <a href="Native Forward Scholars Fund">Native Forward Scholars Fund</a> (formerly American Indian Graduate Center). Leeds is passionate about food, agriculture and wellness. She co-founded the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative and now serves as board president of <a href="Akiptan">Akiptan</a> (a Native CDFI providing capital to farmers and ranchers) and vice-chair of the board of trustee for the <a href="Native American Agriculture Fund">Native American Agriculture Fund</a> (a private, charitable trust serving Native farmers and ranchers created from the historic <a href="Keepseagle v. Vilsack">Keepseagle v. Vilsack</a> settlement).

#### Debra LeJeune

CEO of Integrity Payments Group, Debra's expertise spans multiple levels of the financial industry. Her career began in banking and she quickly became well versed in lending, collections and credit card processing. If that wasn't enough, she became proficient in the Tribal financial industry as well. Debra truly cherishes her long-term financial relationships built on trust and her solid reputation in the industry.

#### Stephen Roe Lewis

Lewis is in his third term serving as Governor of the Community, having previously served as Lt.

Governor. Prior to serving in elected leadership, Governor Lewis served the Community as a member of the Board of Directors for the Gila River Healthcare Corporation, as a Gaming Commissioner for the Gila River Gaming Commission, and as a member of the Board of Directors for the Gila River Telecommunications, Inc.

Lewis graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelor's of Science and pursued graduate studies at John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Governor Lewis currently oversees the implementation of the Community's Water Settlement of 2004 (at that time the largest water settlement of its kind in United States history). Governor Lewis advocates for renewable and green technologies guided by O'odham agricultural history and cultural teachings. Governor Lewis's vision is to support a new generation of Community member agriculturalists with the goal of promoting and protecting the Community's shudag (water) and agricultural development.

During his tenure as Governor of the Gila River Indian Community, Governor Lewis has brought innovative solutions to long-standing issues that will create long-term gains for the Gila River Indian Community. One of these projects, Management Aquifer Recharge sites, brings together the need for access to water while restoring the return of the Community's riparian area which is vital for farming and the return of wildlife to the Community. Bringing back the Gila River, which is critical to the culture and identify of the Gila River Indian Community, has been a key milestone during Governor Lewis' Administration and one that will lay the foundation for future projects across the Community.

## Joseph Lilly

Joseph Lilly serves as vice president of external affairs and communications for Caliber Financial Services, a tribally-chartered corporation wholly owned by the Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians. Joe is responsible for the Company's public relations, media strategy, government relations, lobbying, and issue advocacy functions. A 15-year fintech veteran, Joseph was previously chief marketing officer from 2012 to 2015 and before that was president of PartnerWeekly (now Acquire Interactive), a leading fintech marketing services provider.

Joseph holds a Master of Jurisprudence in Indian law from the University of Tulsa and earned his Bachelor of Arts in music and psychology (magna cum laude) from Coe College, where he researched and published on the folk instruments of the Lao, Tai, and Muong peoples. When he isn't working, Joseph spends quality time with his wife, three children, three dogs, and not nearly enough guitars.

#### Robert J. Miller

Miller is a Professor of Law, the Faculty Director of the Rosette, LLP American Indian Economic Development Program and the Willard H. Pedrick Distinguished Research Scholar, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. He serves on the Navajo Nation Council of Economic Advisors; Justice, Grand Ronde Tribe Court of Appeals; Citizen Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

Robert Miller's areas of expertise are civil procedure, federal Indian law, American Indians and international law, American Indian economic development and Native American natural resources. An enrolled citizen of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, he is the Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals for the Grand Ronde Tribe and sits as a judge for other tribes.

Before joining the College of Law in 2013, Professor Miller was on the faculty of Lewis & Clark Law School. Prior to his career in academia, he practiced Indian law with Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, and worked for the Stoel Rives law firm. Following graduation from law school, he clerked for Judge Diarmuid O'Scannlain of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Professor Miller's published works include articles, books and book chapters on a wide array of federal Indian law issues and civil procedure, and he speaks regularly on Indian law issues across the U.S. and in other countries. He is the author of Native America, Discovered and Conquered: Thomas Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, and Manifest Destiny (2006), and Reservation "Capitalism:" Economic

Development in Indian Country (2012), and he co-authored Discovering Indigenous Lands: The Doctrine of Discovery in the English Colonies (Oxford University Press 2010). Professor Miller's blog on Indian affairs was noted by the wallstreetjournal.com and a poll of leading Indian blogs, and will be archived by the Library of Congress. He also has worked as a consultant with the American Philosophical Society since 2006 on tribal language and archival issues. He was elected to the American Law Institute in 2012 and to the American Philosophical Society in 2014. He earned a BS Eastern Oregon University, 1988 and a JD from Lewis & Clark Law School, magna cum laude in 1991.

#### **Traci Morris**

Dr. Morris, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma, is the Executive Director of the American Indian Policy Institute and a Research Professor at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. The AIPI is an Indigenous-led and staffed research institute at Arizona State University whose work supports Tribal communities and Indigenous peoples nationwide. AIPI does this by creating academic research focused on key issues in Indian Country, by analyzing and developing policy on the key issues of Indian Country, and by building capacity within an ecosystem of lifelong learning. Morris' expertise and focus is substantively on tribal digital sovereignty, broadband technology, and digital equity, with expertise in tribal telecommunications, communications policy, and newly emerging systems as they impact sovereign Tribal nations.

## Sarah A. Murray

Sarah is a shareholder at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP, where she is corporate and regulatory gaming counsel to several clients. She also represents tribes and other clients before federal agencies and the U.S. Congress on issues related to land in trust, gaming, natural resources, and other matters. Prior to her current role, Sarah spent four years at the Department of the Interior, most recently serving as an attorney in the Division of Indian Affairs within Interior's Solicitor's Office. She previously served as both chief of staff and senior counselor to the assistant secretary - Indian Affairs. Before that, Sarah served at the National Indian Gaming Commission as a staff attorney and counselor to the chair. Sarah began her public sector career as a trial attorney for the Department of Justice Commercial Litigation Branch. She is a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.

#### **Doug Oliveira**

Oliveira is CIO of Caliber Financial Services, a dynamic & versatile IT Executive with 22 years of diverse professional experience domestically, abroad and with sovereign nation. A critical thinker who is uniquely versed in IT management, enterprise architecture, operational analysis, strategic thinking and IT innovation. Known to employ both traditional and innovative mechanisms in order to ensure the best possible outcomes for employers, colleagues, clients, and the community. A Master of Building, and maintaining, a sustainable and productive culture. With over 4 years of experience in leading IT innovation for sovereign Native American Tribes with special highlights to policy making, knowledge transfer, strategic IT that are transformed into businesses that support native American Tribes.

#### **Greg Porter**

Porter is known across the country as one of the leading government relations' professionals in his field. He has cultivated a vast personal network of government officials, their senior staff and the thought-leaders who shape public opinion with over a decade of experience in public service, politics and government relations at the federal, state and local levels.

As a Partner at one of the fastest growing influence management firms in the country, Porter's achievements range from helping clients defeat unnecessary and burdensome regulations, tripling the membership of leading national trade associations and launching effective public policy programs for organizations of every size.

Porter helped lead a successful bipartisan government relations coalition on behalf of clients in the financial technology industry to stop an initiative by the Justice Department that was cutting off financial services to legal industries known as "Operation Choke Point."

Working on behalf of Native American tribes, Porter has connected tribal leaders with state attorneys general to create a more positive and collaborative working environment between tribes and regulators. His successes include the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between state and tribal clients.

Cultivating an indelible brand and public image for his clients is a key priority for Porter who seeks to build long-term success, relationships and opportunities that can be sustained beyond their engagement with CATALYST. He is committed to the long-term growth and influence of CATALYST through his key role as a Partner for business development and company management to ensure his clients constantly have new opportunities for partnerships and growth.

Porter began his career with U.S. Senator Jim Talent and has served in leadership positions on several high-profile campaigns and party organizations in California and across the country, including two presidential campaigns. He has managed multi-million dollar budgets, led fundraising efforts that have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for clients, testified before state legislatures on policy issues and serves in the leadership of a diverse group of organizations and boards.

## **Matthew Rantanen**

Matthew R. Rantanen is the Director of Technology for the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) and the Tribal Digital Village Initiative for 23 years, designing and deploying networking supporting tribal communities of Southern California. Currently the Vice President Tribal Broadband at the Golden State Net, focusing on Tribal opportunities in the CA Governor's Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative.

Matthew, of Cree (First Nations, Canada), Finnish, and Norwegian decent, has been described by his peers as a "cyber warrior for Tribal community networking" and is considered an expert on community/Tribal wireless networking. He is an advocate for net-neutrality, broadband for everyone, and opening more spectrum for public consumption, always looking out for the unconnected. Matthew helps the 25 member tribes of SCTCA with technology development and strategy.

Matthew was appointed as Co-Chair of the Technology and Telecom Subcommittee of the National Congress of American Indians. Working with tribes to draft telecom policy and promote better opportunities for Tribes within the Federal Government. He serves on the Advisory Board for Arizona State University's, American Indian Policy Institute.

Matthew was named to the FCC Native Nations Broadband Task Force by the FCC Chairman, Genachowski, in 2011, and then reappointed under FCC Chairman Wheeler, serving 2 full-terms. He was also named to the Communications Security, Reliability and Interoperability Council's 4(CSRIC4) at the FCC in June 2013.

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#### Michelle Robbins

Accomplished decision intelligence leader with over 20 years of experience as a product developer, engineer, analyst, marketing technology leader, and technology integration specialist. Expert at data and market-trend analysis to surface insights that translate brand goals into successful products and growth strategies.

Frequent keynote speaker, webinar presenter, and podcast guest on topics spanning data, martech, product development, content strategy, and search marketing. Passionate about people, technology, and data.

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#### **Todd Rokita**

Todd Rokita is husband to Kathy, father to Teddy and Ryan, a Christian, a commercially rated airman, an attorney, a business leader, a proud Hoosier and a public servant. In 2020, Todd was elected Indiana's Attorney General — earning the highest number of votes of any state officeholder in Indiana history.

As the state's top legal officer, Todd works to uphold the rule of law, protect Hoosiers, support our prosecutors and police, and safeguard our constitutional liberties. His work includes investigating specialized matters such as identity theft, mortgage fraud, Medicaid fraud, election fraud and public corruption. Todd knows that the rule of law, as the driving force of American Exceptionalism, provides the necessary framework for preserving liberty.

Todd previously served Hoosiers in the U.S. Congress and, before that, as Indiana's Secretary of State. In Congress, Todd demonstrated a passion for improving children's educational outcomes through his work on the Committee on Education and the Workforce. He was chairman of the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education.

Todd holds a consistent and proven record of supporting job creators and small businesses as a multiple-year recipient of NFIB's Guardian of Small Business Award. Todd also has a 100% record from the National Right to Life and has earned "A" ratings for defending our 2nd Amendment and religious liberties. He also won the Champion of Life Award from Indiana Right to Life.

Todd's successful private-sector experience enables him to bring a fresh perspective to public service. He previously practiced law for several years, including serving as General Counsel and Principal at Apex Benefits. In addition, he serves in multiple leadership positions on the boards of publicly traded and private companies.

Todd and Kathy's oldest son, Teddy, has Angelman Syndrome — a complex and severe genetic disorder — and Kathy serves as President of the National Angelman Syndrome Foundation along with being a Partner at a large CPA firm. Todd and Kathy, who are raising their family in Hendricks County, know that every life is precious and each can change the world.

## **Kathlene Rosier**

Rosier is the Assistant Dean of Institutional Progress and the Executive Director of Indian Legal Program (ILP) at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. She is an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma. In this role Rosier leads the ILP's recruitment and retention efforts and is in charge of the ILP's development and grant work. Rosier served as Director of the ILP from 2000-2011 and returned as Executive Director in 2014. During her three year absence from the ILP Rosier served as an Assistant General Counsel for the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation. Prior to joining ASU she worked as a tribal prosecutor for the Gila River Indian Community. Rosier received her J.D. from the University of Utah in 1998 and a BA from Capital University in 1993.

#### John R. Shotton

Shotton is the current Chairman of the Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians. He has served in that capacity since being elected in November 2007. Prior to be elected to the office of Chairman, he served on the Tribal Council as the First Member for two years. Chairman Shotton holds a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of Public Administration Degree from the University of Oklahoma. Prior to serving the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, Chairman Shotton worked for the University of Oklahoma's American Indian Institute developing and administering programs for tribes across the United States.

Chairman Shotton is the current Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Native American Financial Services Association (NAFSA). He is a leading tribal advocate for the use of technology to advance tribal economic development especially in the areas of tribal fintech and financial services.

#### Joe Sinkwitz

Sinkwitz is an executive, author, father, and husband, living in perpetually sunny Scottsdale, AZ. Holding dual bachelors of science degrees in Management Information Systems and Operations Management from the University of Arizona and a MBA from W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University, he takes an analytical approach to the softer side of the persuasive sciences and matches it with the technological flair that comes with his 20+ year involvement in digital marketing. Focusing primarily in reputation management (Principal of Digital Heretix), content marketing (Advisor/Board member and former CRO of CopyPress), and influencer marketing (CEO of Intellifluence) over the course of his career and having worked with tens of thousands of clients, websites, and internal projects, he brings that background to you today to discuss how governments should be using social media.

#### Lori Soli

Dr. Lori Soli, an accomplished yoga practitioner with nearly three decades of dedicated experience embarked on a transformative odyssey in 2020, aimed at attaining the status of a yoga teacher, all the while diligently upholding her concurrent roles as a professional counselor, educator, and healer. Dr. Soli's yoga philosophy is deeply rooted in the principles of mindfulness and holistic well-being, underscoring the intricate interconnectedness between the physical body, emotional heart, cognitive mind, and the subtle energies that bind us to the wider cosmos.

Lori serves as a true embodiment of yogic principles, fervently advocating the idea of "you and your body, in this present moment, on the yoga mat, and into life." This mantra serves as a profound inspiration not only to herself but also to those she guides, urging them to embrace the concept of self-sovereignty, patience, and compassion.

Beyond her yoga pursuits, Dr. Soli demonstrates exceptional versatility by concurrently managing a private counseling and coaching practice, facilitating yoga sessions at conferences, and adeptly juggling her multifaceted roles as a spouse, mother, grandmother, friend, and fellow human being. In her previous professional lives, she has excelled as a professor, author, and retreat facilitator. Dr. Soli's core values prioritize authenticity and humanity above all else, deriving immense satisfaction from aiding others in their journey towards self-awareness, self-acceptance, and personal growth.

## **Hadley Sosnoff**

Hadley provides strategic counsel to clients on policymaking efforts in Congress and at federal agencies. During his tenure working on behalf of a diverse range of clients, Hadley has represented several industries, securing significant legislative and regulatory achievements despite challenging political headwinds. At Emergent, Hadley has worked with Congressional champions to craft bipartisan legislation, provide Congressional feedback to agencies engaged in rulemaking and provide political counsel to clients looking to build deep relationships on Capitol Hill. His relationships with moderate pro-business Democrats have helped his clients secure legislative victories in the No Surprises Act, CHIPS and Science Act, and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. With over fifteen years of experience working on Capitol Hill and in the private sector, Hadley has extensive working knowledge and unique understanding of the federal political landscape. In addition to several positions working in government relations in the private sector for trade associations and lobbying firms, Hadley spent several years working on Capitol Hill, most recently as Legislative Director for a centrist Congressional office. Hadley also served on the legislative staff for the former Appropriations Committee's top Democrat in various capacities. Hadley Sosnoff received his B.A. from Hobart College.

#### Katherine A. Spilde

Katherine Spilde, Ph.D. MBA, is a cultural anthropologist and Professor in the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management at San Diego State University (SDSU), where she serves as Endowed Chair of the Sycuan Institute on Tribal Gaming. In her role as Sycuan Chair, Dr. Spilde teaches the

nation's only four-year degree in tribal casino operations management. Prior to her appointment at SDSU, Katherine held leadership positions at UC-Riverside, the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) and the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, a Congressional commission that produced a comprehensive study of U.S. gambling policy for President Clinton in 1999.

An award-winning author of over 50 academic articles, she has written numerous national and statelevel impact studies and has worked extensively with over 100 tribal governments on nation-building activities.

## Patrick Tinklenberg

Patrick Tinklenberg is the Vice President of Information Technology with Sycuan Casino where, for the last 10 years, he has been responsible for technology, strategy, and information security for the casino, hotel, and golf resort. Previously to his role with Sycuan, Patrick was the IT Director for the Barona Band of Mission Indians where he ran the IT operations at all tribal government service facilities, government-supported enterprises, and the Barona Gaming Commission. Patrick is also an active participant in the tribal technology community as a board member on both the TribalNet Gaming & Hospitality Board and the Tribal-ISAC Steering Committee.

## **Sherry Treppa**

Sherry Treppa is Chairperson of the Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake, a federally recognized Indian Nation in Upper Lake, California. Treppa has served the Tribe as an elected official since 2004, serving as the Chairperson since 2008. While tasked to preserve the Tribe's Pomo culture, Treppa leads the effort to continually strive for economic self-reliance, through e-commerce, gaming and other economic opportunities within the Tribe's jurisdiction.

Treppa worked in private industry for 18 years prior to her role with the Tribe. She was born in Lake County and graduated with a Bachelor of Science from the University of San Francisco. Treppa's ongoing efforts have contributed to the process of restoring the Tribe's land base and the furtherance of the Tribe's goal of economic self-reliance. She has spearheaded efforts funding negotiations and recently its refinance for the Tribe's current gaming ventures, played a vital role in overseeing the construction of the Tribe's Casino and represented the Tribe in raising capital, structuring and development of the Tribe's e-commerce businesses.

Chairperson Treppa is often called upon to testify in her capacity as an experienced tribal leader at legislative hearings for a variety of issues impacting Indian Country demonstrating her commitment to Native American interests and their mission of achieving economic growth and financial stability. She was awarded 2021 Tribal Chairperson of the Year by NAFOA (Native American Finance Officers Association), a national respected tribal organization focused on growing tribal economies and strengthening tribal finance. In 2019 Treppa and her Tribe co-produced "Saving the Sacred" a short documentary recently nominated for an Emmy on development of an MOA-Memorandum of Agreement- with other local Sovereign Tribal Governments and the County of Lake for protection of sacred sites and artifacts. An effort (MOA) that earned the California State Governor's Historic Preservation Award in 2016.

#### James Williams

Chairman James Williams Jr. is a member and longtime Chairman of the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, a small Tribal community located in the western end of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. He has been involved in Tribal government since he was 18 years old. As a gatekeeper of the Tribe's resources, a responsibility he does not take lightly, he is constantly looking for ways to positively impact the Tribe's bottom line while expanding essential services for Tribal members. Chairman Williams has worked diligently during his leadership to ensure governmental stability and to pursue alternative economic development opportunities such as online consumer finance businesses, on line gaming, and casino management. His willingness to be the entrepreneur needed by his Tribe even in the face of adversity has benefitted the Tribe beyond words. Led by

Chairman Williams, the Tribe and its tribal lending businesses have become a model in the tribal online lending community by demonstrating a commitment to consumer protection, accountability, and compliance with all applicable Tribal and federal laws. Additional evidence of Chairman Williams' visionary outlook can be seen through the Tribe's investment in Machal, LLC, a Louisiana-based casino management company which has brought success to not only his Tribe but also to the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians. In February 2013, the Choctaw Pines Casino located in Alexandria, Louisiana opened its doors to the public, and Machal, LLC brought to fruition the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians long held dream of opening and operating a gaming facility.

Chairman Williams simultaneously serves as Chairman of the Lac Vieux Desert Public Enterprise and Finance Commission which oversees the operation of the Tribe's gaming facility. Chairman Williams has been at the forefront of the successful efforts of the Tribe to operate a resort facility including a 132-room motel, an 18-hole golf course, gaming facility, restaurant and a host of other small businesses. In addition, under his leadership the Tribe has developed and implemented a limited care facility including mental health, pharmaceutical, dental, and optometry services, worked to expand day care and child care services, created a Tribal Water and Wastewater Utility, and constructed new law enforcement facilities.

Last but not least, Chairman Williams is a traditional Anishinaabe' man and serves as a keeper of the Tribe's culture, sits on the Tribe's drum, and can be seen at each and every ceremony - time permitting - held within the Lac Vieux Desert Community. Chairman Williams supports and assists his wife with the planning and hosting of the Tribe's annual gatherings and enjoys time just being a father of his five sons. Chairman Williams is also an avid protector of the Tribe's treaty rights never shying away from the fight necessary to protect the reserved rights to hunt, fish and gather within the Tribe's ceded territories for generations to come.

# **Glenn Wilson**

Like you, Mr. Wilson is driven to help raise the bar on cybersecurity by lowering risk. He is also the Chief Information Security Officer for the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. With over three decades of information security, speaking, and most importantly, real-life, in-the-trenches technical experience, his view on security can be radically different. He has the keen ability to translate complex technical issues into plain English for executives and other decision makers in the enterprise.