

Derril Jordan

I am applying for an At-Large member of the Indian Law Section. I have nearly 38 years of practice experience, all of which has been spent representing Indian tribal governments and tribal organizations and also serving as the Associate Solicitor for Indian Affairs at the Department of the Interior in the Clinton Administration. During that time, I have also served as the Tribal Attorney or Attorney General for three different tribes (Saginaw Chippewa, Seneca Nation of New York and the Quinault Nation). I have also served as an adjunct professor in Federal Indian Law at Cornell Law School and SUNY Buffalo. I have also worked in private practice for over twenty-five years, representing tribes and tribal organizations in Washington, California, Nevada, Wisconsin, Michigan, Virginia, New Mexico and New York. I have dealt with jurisdictional issues, economic development, gaming, trust land acquisitions, off-reservation hunting and fishing rights, and many other aspects of Indian law. I have also practiced in tribal, federal and state courts. In short, I believe that the breadth and length of my experience provides me with a unique perspective to help to provide leadership to the Indian Law Section in its ongoing efforts to provide training and guidance to practitioners in Indian law.