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**Areas of Focus**

Appellate and Supreme Court

Native American Law

Reproductive Health Task Force

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### Overview

**As one of the premier Supreme Court and appellate advocates and as a former Acting US Solicitor General, Ian Gershengorn has spent his career helping clients effectively position their most important cases for success. With 17 Supreme Court arguments and regular appearances in appellate courts nationwide, Ian works closely with clients to craft novel arguments and long-term legal solutions rooted in deep government, regulatory, and public policy experience.**

A collaborative partner to major corporations and industry organizations, Ian confronts challenging business problems at the intersection of politics, policy, and the law. He leverages his government experience handling cases on behalf of federal agencies, the President, cabinet officers, and other government officials to craft both district court and appellate strategies tailored to clients' unique needs and objectives.

Ian has established himself as a leading advocate for Native American tribal sovereignty and rights, securing landmark victories that have strengthened tribal self-determination and preserved crucial protections for Native communities. His deep understanding of federal Indian law and passionate advocacy have made him a trusted counsel for tribal nations facing complex legal challenges.

Before rejoining Jenner & Block in 2017, Ian served in the Office of the Solicitor General during the Obama Administration, first as Principal Deputy Solicitor General and later as Acting Solicitor General. He supervised the government's briefing in a range of high-profile cases involving the Affordable Care Act, Dodd-Frank, election law and redistricting, immigration reform, Title VII, and same-sex marriage. Since returning to the firm, he has appeared regularly in the state and federal appellate courts, arguing on behalf of clients in industries such as national

defense, healthcare, telecommunications, media and entertainment, and banking. Ian currently serves as co-chair of the firm's Appellate and Supreme Court Practice and teaches a course on the Roberts Court at Harvard Law School.



It's about understanding the client's strategic objectives, and then drawing on Jenner's deep bench and our collective experience to work with the client to achieve the right solution."

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## **Credentials**

### **Admissions**

- District of Columbia
- Massachusetts

### **Education**

- Harvard Law School, JD, *magna cum laude*
- Harvard University, BA, *magna cum laude*

### **Court Admissions**

- US Supreme Court
- US Court of Appeals, First Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

- US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

## Clerkships

- Hon. Amalya L. Kears, US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, 1993-1994
- Hon. John Paul Stevens, US Supreme Court, 1994-1995

## Service / Recognition

### Awards

- ACLU of Oklahoma, Angie Debo Civil Libertarian Award, 2021
- *Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America*, 2025-2026
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Appellate Practice, 2021-2022, 2024-2026
- *Chambers USA*
  - Appellate Law (Nationwide), 2018-2025
  - Native American Law: Appellate (Nationwide) Spotlight Table, 2020-2021, 2023
  - Native American Law: Appellate (Nationwide) Band 1, 2022-2025
- *National Law Journal*, Litigation Trailblazer, 2023
- *Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers*, 2019-2020, 2022-2025
- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2023-2025; High Honor Roll, 2020-2022
- *Law360*, Appellate MVP, 2020; Leading Lawyer, 2021
- *Legal 500*, Next Generation Lawyer - Appellate - Supreme Courts (States and Federal), 2020-2021; Native American Law, 2021
- United States Secret Service, Director's Recognition Award, 2014
- National Institutes of Health, Director's Award, 2011
- *Politico*, 50 Politicos to Watch, 2010
- US Presidential Scholar, 1984

### Industry

- The American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, Fellow
- The American Law Institute, Member