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Areas of Focus

Government Controversies
and Public Policy Litigation

Native American Law

Sports and Gaming

Energy



Overview

Krystalyn Kinsel uses her extensive background in complex litigation and Native American affairs to represent and advise tribal governments and multinational technology companies in a variety of litigation and regulatory matters, including environmental and natural resources, telecommunications, economic development, gaming, investigations and intellectual property, among other things. Krystalyn is also a citizen of the Navajo Nation and serves as a Special Prosecutor for a tribal nation.

As a former trial lawyer in the highly prestigious Attorney General Honors Program of the United States Department of Justice in Washington, DC, Krystalyn possesses a rare government's-eye perspective in trial strategy and plays a key role in managing and overseeing all aspects of litigation, at the trial and appellate level. While at DOJ, the Attorney General acknowledged her remarkable achievements by awarding her the Outstanding Performance Rating Award.

Krystalyn's vast knowledge of Native American law and policy stems from being a former legislative associate and National Coordinator of Native Vote for the National Congress of American Indians. She also served as a legal extern for the Honorable Susan R. Bolton in the US District Court for the District of Arizona and DOJ's Office of Tribal Justice. Krystalyn practiced as a student lawyer in the Ak-Chin Indian Tribal Court and the Gila River Indian Community Court.

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Credentials

Admissions

- District of Columbia, 2019
- Arizona, 2016
- Navajo Nation Bar, 2018

Education

- Arizona State University, JD, Indian Legal Certificate, 2015
- University of Arizona, BA, *cum laude*, 2009

Service / Recognition

Awards

- Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Indian Legal Program's Emerging Leader Award, 2024
- *Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch*, Native American Law, 2022-2026
- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2018-2023, 2025; High Honor Roll, 2021, 2024
- National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, 40 Under 40 Award, 2023
- *Washington, DC Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, Native American Law, 2020-2025
- US Department of Justice, Outstanding Performance Rating Award, 2017

Service to the Bar

- American Bar Association, Public Land and Resources Committee of the Section of Environment-Energy and Resources, At Large Vice Chair