

## Craig Williams

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### Areas of Focus

Native American Law

Government Controversies  
and Public Policy Litigation

Sports and Gaming



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## Overview

**Craig brings a unique combination of over a decade of Capitol Hill experience and deep tribal law background that directly strengthens his ability to fearlessly take on the most complex federal legislative and regulatory matters. His cultural perspective as a member of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, combined with his extensive government relations experience, is particularly valuable as clients navigate an increasingly complex political and regulatory landscape. Craig's combination of legal acumen, political savvy, and strategic thinking enables him to push the most complex issues across the finish line.**

Craig represents and advises tribal governments, trade associations, and multinational technology companies on a wide range of legislative and regulatory matters. Craig has achieved significant victories on behalf of tribal clients, including successfully securing land taken into trust for tribal governments, obtaining critical federal funding, and supporting economic development initiatives that strengthen tribal communities and sovereignty. His experience also includes extensive work representing trade associations and local governments on complex policy and regulatory challenges, as well as advising private companies on government relations and regulatory compliance matters. Craig leverages his experience alongside Jenner & Block's vast legal resources across multiple practice groups to provide comprehensive support for his clients' federal lobbying priorities. He builds relationships and achieves results across party lines and between both chambers of Congress, specializing in getting clients in front of the right decision makers and tirelessly working to support their goals. Craig advises clients on how to advance their priorities by successfully navigating the politics, policy, and procedures of a given situation. His experience navigating the administration and helping clients cut through red tape and bureaucracy enables him to effectively accomplish their goals.

Craig previously served as Diversity Director at the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC), where he led initiatives to increase diversity within the DCCC and its campaigns. In this role, he served as the primary liaison to the Congressional Black Caucus, Congressional Hispanic Caucus, and Congressional Asian Pacific Americans Caucus. He also held the position of Special Assistant to DCCC Chairman Congressman Ben Ray Lujan of New Mexico.

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## **Credentials**

### **Admissions**

- District of Columbia, 2021
- New Mexico, 2014

### **Education**

- University of New Mexico School of Law, JD, Certificate in Federal Indian Law, 2014
- Jackson State University, MA, 2011
- Auburn University, BS, 2009

## **Service / Recognition**

### **Awards**

- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2024-2025

### **Community**

- The Udall Foundation, Native American Congressional Fellow, May 2013-August 2013

### **Service to the Bar**

- New Mexico State Bar Association, General Member, September 2014-present