



Affie Ellis

Of Counsel

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Clients benefit from Affie's experience with tribal, state, and federal governments and her ability to find common ground on complex issues between government, private industry, and environmental groups.

PRACTICES

Environmental and Natural Resources
Litigation
Endangered Species and Wildlife
Regulation
American Indian Law
NEPA, Public Lands, and Cultural
Resources
Environmental and Natural Resources

EDUCATION

University of Colorado School of Law,
J.D., 2007
CU Chancellor's Diversity Grant
Navajo Nation Scholarship
America Indian Graduate Center
Fellowship
National Native American Law Student
Association in Moot Court, 2006, Semi-
Finalist

University of Wyoming, B.S., 2000
UW Presidential Scholar
Navajo Nation Chief Manuelito
Scholarship
Greek Woman of the Year

BAR ADMISSIONS

Wyoming

Affie has a strong background in federal Indian law and policy. She is a member of the Navajo Nation and serves on the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprises Board of Directors.

As a legislative assistant to former U.S. Senator Craig Thomas, who served as the Chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and on the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Affie gained valuable federal regulatory and legislative experience.

Affie counsels clients on public lands and natural resources regulatory and administrative matters, drawing on her expertise as Assistant Attorney General for the State of Wyoming defending the state's interest in litigation involving the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, National Forest Management Act, and Federal Land Policy Management Act.

EXPERIENCE

Tribal Law Experience

- Adjunct Professor, federal Indian Law, University of Wyoming
- Commissioner of the U.S. Tribal Law and Order Commission, which developed a comprehensive study of law enforcement and criminal jurisdiction in Indian Country. Testified before the U.S. House of Representative and Senate Committees on Commission's work and findings and submitted recommendations to the President and Congress in 2014.
- National Indian Gaming Commission, Director of Congressional and Public Affairs

Public Land and Natural Resource Experience

Affie draws on her state and federal government sector experience to counsel clients on a variety of regulatory and legislative matters:

- Permitting procedure
- Regulatory compliance
- Federal legislative and regulatory affairs

RECOGNITION

- Casper Star-Tribune recognized Ellis as one of Wyoming's outstanding citizens in its 2011 "20 Under 40" Section
- University of Wyoming 2011 Woman of Distinction
- Wyoming Woman of Influence 2017 for Government, Law and Economic Development
- Governing Institute, Women in Government Leadership Program, Class of 2018

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Wyoming Women's Legislative Caucus, Co-Chairman
- Wyoming Community Foundation, Board Member, 2011-Present
- American Bar Association – Criminal Justice Section, Tribal Lands Subcommittee, Co-Chair, 2014-Present
- University of Wyoming Native American Education, Research and Cultural Center Advisory Board
- U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Wyoming State Advisory Committee, Member, 2013-Present
- American Council of Young Political Leaders, Delegate and Escort, 2010 (Brazil), 2016 (China and Taiwan)
- American Council on Germany, 2016
- Cheyenne Frontier Days, Indian Village Committee, 2008-Present