

## **BETHANY C. SULLIVAN**

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### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ**

*Lohse Clinical Director, Natural Resource Use & Management Clinic (Fall 2017 – present)*

*Visiting Assistant Professor of Law (Fall 2017– present)*

- Founded interdisciplinary clinic providing law students opportunities to work with University-based scientific experts, tribal governments, and rural communities on law and policy issues governing sustainable use and management of natural resources.
- Teaching and research interests include: federal Indian law, Native American lands and natural resources law & policy, administrative law, public land law, clinical education

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### **OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **Department of the Interior, Office of the Solicitor, Washington, D.C. / San Francisco, CA**

*Attorney-Advisor, Division of Indian Affairs, Fall 2012 – Spring 2017*

- Counseled Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs on policy and legal objectives related to environmental compliance, reservation boundaries, gaming, land transfers and acquisitions, forestry, taxation, renewable energy, and leasing on Indian and Federal lands.
- Drafted formal Solicitor's opinions on tribal lands issues and matters of first impression.
- Represented Department in affirmative and defensive litigation; partnered with Department of Justice to compile administrative records, draft briefs, depose witnesses, and prepare for oral arguments.
- Met with tribal, state, and local officials regarding Departmental matters.
- Reviewed and drafted agency regulations, congressional testimony, and policy guidance documents.

#### **Department of the Interior, Office of the Solicitor, Washington, D.C.**

*Attorney-Advisor, Honors Attorney Program, Fall 2011 – Summer 2012*

- Rotated through all five legal divisions at D.C. headquarters: Land and Water, Parks and Wildlife, General Law, Mineral Resources, and Indian Affairs.
- Counseled the Bureau of Reclamation, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Fish & Wildlife Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, and Bureau of Safety & Environmental Enforcement.
- Advised on water rights and quality issues, environmental cleanup and liability, the National Environmental Policy Act, endangered species listings and litigation, mineral rights, and the Freedom of Information Act.

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### EDUCATION

#### **James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ**

Juris Doctor awarded May 2011, *magna cum laude*

Order of the Coif

Certificate in Indigenous Peoples Law & Policy

*Arizona Law Review*, Research Editor, Marketing Manager

Environmental Law Society, Secretary

Rose & Berg Distinguished Editor Award

Snell & Wilmer Best Published Note Award

Lillian S. Fisher Prize in Environmental Law & Policy

John R. Christian Award Recipient, awarded to top student in Business Organizations course

#### **College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA**

Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology, awarded May 2006, *magna cum laude*

Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honor Society

Golden Key Honor Society

Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity, Founding Member and Publicity Chair

Pointe Blank Student Dance Company, President and Secretary

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### PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

Co-Chair, 2015 Solicitor's Office Federal Indian Law Conference for federal practitioners in government agencies

Presentation on taxation authority and tribal economic development, 2015 University of Washington Annual Indian Law Symposium

Presentation on reservation boundary disputes, 2015 Solicitor's Office Federal Indian Law Conference

Presentation on tribal trust land and jurisdiction, 2014 Bureau of Indian Affairs Partners in Action Conference

*Judicial Selection Methods, Tribal Politics, and Strong Government: Navajo Nation at the Crossroads*, 12 TRIBAL L.J. (2011-2012)

*Changing Winds: Reconfiguring the Legal Framework for Renewable Energy Development in Indian Country*, 52 ARIZ. L. REV. 823 (2010)

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## **MEMBERSHIPS, ADMISSIONS, AWARDS**

Arizona Bar, Member (2012– 2018)

California Indian Law Association, Member (2015 – 2018)

Native American Bar Association – D.C. Chapter, Board Member and Summer Intern Mentorship Chair (2013 – 2014)

Lawyers for Good Government, Member (2017 – 2018)

Recipient of 2015 Solicitor’s Excellence Award for work implementing and defending federal framework for building tribal trust lands

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## **OTHER ACTIVITIES AND ENGAGEMENTS**

National Native American Law Student Association Moot Court Competition, Brief Writing Judge (2017)

National Native American Law Student Association Writing Competition, Judge (2018)

Lawyers for Good Government, Climate Change Program, Volunteer (2018)