

Jason Croxton

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About Jason

Skilled tribal counsel grounded in deep experience

Jason Croxton provides guidance to Indian tribes and tribal entities in transactional matters related to economic development, housing and business oversight. His experience includes trust land development and leasing, construction contracting and project implementation, compliance with tribal and federal law, accountability to tribal governmental oversight and in-house general counsel support. Jason is particularly skilled in addressing:

- **Indian law**
- **Tribal lands and natural resources**
- **Economic development**
- **Construction**
- **Housing**

Jason's multi-jurisdictional experience includes working on behalf of clients located in Indian Country throughout Arizona and other areas of the Southwest. He has worked on behalf of approximately one-third of the 22 tribes in Arizona, is admitted to practice in numerous tribal courts and possesses a strong foundation in tribal law, as well as the unique legal and socioeconomic issues affecting tribes and tribal citizens. As a citizen of the Navajo Nation, Jason's commitment to advocating for his clients, is inherently tied to his own Native American identity and cultural background.

Education and Honors

Arizona State University
Sandra Day O'Connor
College of Law (J.D., 2010)

- Certificate in Federal Indian Law

Arizona State University
(B.S., *summa cum laude*, 2006)

- Outstanding Graduate of Housing & Community Development Degree Program

Bar Admissions

New Mexico

Navajo Nation

Arizona

Court Admissions

Hopi Tribal Court

Fort Mojave Tribal Court

Navajo Nation Supreme Court





Experience in Action

- **Provides legal counsel to tribal economic development entities**, including development authorities, tribally owned businesses, corporations and gaming enterprises.
- **Assists with federal regulatory compliance and processes**, including the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) and HUD oversight.
- **Drafts business policies and plans in accordance with tribal governmental oversight**, including those related to human resources, procurement, finance, contracting and corporate governance.
- **Assists with trust land development and leasing**, including as related to non-tribal economic interests.
- **Provides guidance to tribal entities related to applicable tribal law and policies**, including reporting to and interfacing with tribal governmental bodies and officials.

Successes

- Provided comprehensive legal guidance to a tribal entity in planning, constructing and operating a gas station/convenience store located on tribal trust land.
- Assisted a tribal entity and project management team in a multi-million-dollar resort and conference center renovation and expansion.
- Successfully represented a tribal corporation in tribal court related to a dispute with a contracted third-party service provider.
- Represented a tribal development authority in long-term trust-land lease negotiations with a premier performance driving and racing training center.
- Provided comprehensive general counsel services to the largest Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE) in the U.S., including advocacy before the Department of Housing & Urban Development - Office of Native American Programs and members of the United States Congress.

Capabilities

Energy & Infrastructure

Environmental & Natural Resources

Indian Law & Policy

Professional & Civic Activities

- Native American Bar Association of Arizona, board member, president (2019-2020), treasurer (2023-2024)
- Navajo Nation Bar Association, Pro Bono attorney
- YMCA Jr. Suns Basketball, head coach

