



Steven Small

Associate

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Steven provides sophisticated representation to clients across a wide range of transactional matters throughout Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming.

Steve provides a deep understanding of the diverse and complex factors involved in disputes, transactions, and regulation arising in the business context.

Additionally, applying his intimate knowledge of Indian Country, he helps clients identify winning strategies and find favorable outcomes in transactions involving American Indian tribes and project development on tribal and federal lands.

Deep Understanding of Business and Tribal Law: In addition to his law degree, Steve holds a M.B.A. degree and a B.S. degree in Finance. Steve is both a chief appellate judge and chief constitutional judge of the Northern Cheyenne Appellate and Constitutional Courts. He has practiced on multiple Indian reservations and is a member of the Indian Law Sections of the Montana, North Dakota, and Federal Bar Associations.

PRACTICES

Real Estate Development and Finance
 Banking and Financial Services
 Bankruptcy, Restructuring, and Creditors' Rights
 Mergers and Acquisitions
 Commercial Finance
 American Indian Law
 Banking Litigation

EDUCATION

University of Montana, J.D.
 American Indian Law Certificate
 Native American Law Students Association, President

University of Montana, M.B.A.
 Graduate Certificate in Entrepreneurship

University of Montana, B.A.
 Native American Studies

University of Montana, B.S.
 Finance

Dartmouth College

BAR ADMISSIONS

Montana
 North Dakota
 Wyoming
 Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Supreme Court

EXPERIENCE

Business and Real Estate

Steve advises Business and Real Estate clients on a wide range of transactions, including:

- Complex mergers and acquisitions
- Asset and stock purchases
- Commercial leasing
- Debt and equity financing
- Loan workouts and restructurings
- Bankruptcy

General Business Transactions

Steve represents business clients on a wide range of general business transactions, including:

- Corporate and partnership reorganizations
- Corporate formation and structure
- Investment and financing

- Venture capital opportunities
- Governance and compliance
- Federal Indian law

CLIENT RESULTS

Wind River Indian Reservation

PUBLICATIONS

"Commercial Lending Law, Second Edition: a Jurisdiction-by-Jurisdiction Guide to U.S. and Canadian Law," *book chapter*, Co-Author, 2016

"Executory Contracts Rejected In Chapter 11 Bankruptcy; How Does This Impact Midstream Providers?," *Holland & Hart News Update*, 3/18/2016

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Indian Law: From Tribal Court to the U.S. Supreme Court," *Yellowstone Area Bar Association*, Billings, MT, March 2019

"An Indian Treaty Meets a Recalcitrant State," *Guest Lecturer, Harvard Law School*, Cambridge, MA, February 2019

"Navigating Tribal Jurisdiction and Politics for a Win-Win," *Panelist, The Holland & Hart 2018 Environment & Natural Resources Summit*, Salt Lake City, UT, October 2018

"Treaty Rights & Subsistence Rights: Do Treaties Have Teeth?," *Panelist, 43rd Annual Indian Law Conference: Indian Civil Rights, Human Rights, and Economic Development, Federal Bar Association*, Scottsdale, AZ, April 2018

"Negotiating Contracts on Tribal Lands," *Faculty, National Business Institute*, Billings, MT, March 2018

"Top 10 LLC Mistakes to Avoid in Everyday Business Practices," *Faculty, National Business Institute*, Missoula, MT, December 2017

"Montana Lending Issues," *Guest Lecturer, First Interstate Bank Lending Academy*, Billings, MT, May 2017

"'Tis Better to Take Than Receive, Or Is It?: The Right to Setoff Under Montana Law," *Risk Management Association - Big Sky Chapter*, Billings, MT, April 2017

"Strategic Planning and Its Import on Language Revitalization," *Presenter, The Montana Indian Language Project | Chief Dull Knife College Language Project*, Lame Deer, MT, November 2016

RECOGNITION

- Northern Cheyenne Appellate Court, Chief Appellate Judge
- Northern Cheyenne Constitutional Court, Chief Constitutional Judge

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association, Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section, Business Law Section, Environment, Energy, and Resources Section, Member
- ABA Construction Industry Forum, Contracts Document Division, Member
- Montana Bar Association, Business, Estates, Trust, Tax & Real Property (BETTR) Law Section, Indian Law Section, Bankruptcy Law Section, Natural Resources & Environmental Law Section, Member
- North Dakota Bar Association, Business & Corporations Law Section, Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section, Indian Law Section, Member
- Wyoming Bar Association, Business Law Section, Energy and Natural Resources Section, Member
- Federal Bar Association, Indian Law Section, Member
- Montana Defense Trial Lawyers Association, Member
- Yellowstone Area Bar Association, Member
- Montana Board of Architects and Landscape Architects, Member of the Board