



## Bryan C. Shade | Senior Associate

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As a member of the Lippes Mathias Indian Law Practice Team, Bryan concentrates his practice on advising tribal clients on issues ranging from gaming and economic development to self-governance and self-determination, and claims settlement and litigation.

### **CAPABILITIES**

Indian Law  
Litigation

Bryan Shade is an experienced federal Indian law attorney who has represented tribes and Indian Country in a variety of roles on both sides of the federal-tribal table. Bryan is currently with the DC office of Lippes Mathias LLP, and formerly served as an attorney/advisor for Indian Affairs at the Department of the Interior where he advised the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, the Deputy Assistant Secretaries for Indian Affairs for Management, Policy, and Economic Development, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Office of Tribal Self-Governance on various issues relating to the federal trust responsibility to Tribal Nations. In 2021, Bryan was appointed by Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland to represent the Department on the PROGRESS Act Negotiated Rulemaking Committee. Prior to serving in the Department of the Interior, Bryan previously served as self-governance general counsel for one of the largest federally recognized tribes in the US as well as executive director of tribal operations and federal programs director for his tribe. He has a demonstrated history of serving Indian Country and is a frontline expert on the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) and other critical areas of federal Indian law.

The Oklahoma Bar Association's Indian Law Section presented Bryan with the inaugural G. William Rice Award in recognition of his commitment to and excellence in the field of federal Indian law. Bryan is an enrolled member of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma and resides in Rockville, MD, with his wife and two daughters who are citizens of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and who are of Chickasaw and Mississippi Band of Choctaw descent.

### **EDUCATION**

- University of Arkansas, School of Law, J.D., 2016
- Northeastern State University, MBA., 2010

- Northeastern State University, B.A., 2007

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

- Native American 40 Under 40, *The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development*, 2023
- G. William Rice Award for Commitment to and Excellence in the field of Federal Indian Law, Oklahoma Bar Association Indian Law Section, 2016

## **PAST ACTIVITIES**

- American Indian Resource Center, Inc., Board of Directors, Former Treasurer
- Indian Education Parent Committee, Tahlequah Public Schools, Former Member
- Capital Improvements Tax Oversight Board, Abatement Board, City of Tahlequah, OK., Former Member

## **ADMITTED TO PRACTICE**

- Oklahoma
- United Keetoowah Band Tribal Courts

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**Ohio:** Cleveland // **Ontario:** Greater Toronto Area // **Texas:** San Antonio // **Washington, D.C.**

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