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Klint Cowan is a civil litigator and a member of the firm's [Indian Law Practice Team](#). He focuses his practice in the areas of federal Indian Law, gaming, election law, and business law. Klint has handled numerous gaming matters and has represented clients before federal agencies such as the National Indian Gaming Commission and the Office of Indian Gaming. In addition, he works with tribal entities to procure financing for gaming facilities and related developments through various methods, including tax-exempt bond issuance, vendor financing, and bank loans.

Klint currently serves as a Justice for the Wyandotte Nation, and formerly as Special Municipal Judge for the City of Oklahoma City.

CAPABILITIES

Indian Law

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

FINANCING FOR TRIBAL PROJECTS:

- Assisting a tribal gaming entity in obtaining financing for construction and development of a new casino.
- Counseling a tribe on refinancing debt for the construction and development of casino projects.
- Drafting and negotiating contracts between lenders and tribes.
- Developing request for proposal (RFP) materials for hotel financing, as well as reviewing and advising on submitted proposals.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS:

- *Comanche Nation v. U.S.* (W.D. Okla. 2008) – Resulted in an injunction protecting a tribal sacred site.
- *Berry v. Comanche Nation Casino*, (W.D. Okla. 2010) – Successfully removed tort claims arising in Indian country to federal court.
- *Muhammad v. Comanche Nation Casino* (W.D. Okla. 2010) – Obtained an order prohibiting the state court from exercising jurisdiction over an Indian country tort.
- *Osage Nation v. Oklahoma* (W.D. Okla. 2010) – Secured a permanent injunction prohibiting Oklahoma courts from exercising jurisdiction

over Indian country torts.

- Advised on tribal elections

EDUCATION

- University of Tulsa, J.D., *with highest honors*, 2004
- University of Oxford, *with distinction for dissertation*, B.C.L., 2005
- Antioch College, B.S., 1998

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Oklahoma Bar Association
 - Evidence and Civil Procedure Committee, 2012-2013
- Muscogee (Creek) Nation Bar Association
- American Bar Association
 - Native American Resources Committee, Vice-chair, 2006-2011
- Ruth Bader Ginsburg American Inn of Court, Oklahoma City, 2006-2008
- Phi Delta Phi, 2002-2004

HONORS & AWARDS

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2015-2025
 - *Lawyer of the Year*, Native American Law, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2022
- Oklahoma Bar Association, Maurice Merrill Golden Quill Award, 2010
- *Oklahoma SuperLawyers*®, 2013-2022, 2024
 - Rising Stars, 2010-2012
- The National Trial Lawyers, Top 40 under 40, 2012

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Teen Recovery Solutions, Board of Directors
- Oklahoma Lawyers for Children, Legal Volunteer
- Bricktown Rotary, 2012-2014

PAST ACTIVITIES

- University of Tulsa, Energy Law Journal, Executive Articles Editor, 2004
- University of Oxford, Commonwealth Law Journal, Associate Editor, 2005

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Because of his tribal law experience, Cowan has been invited to speak on several occasions, including the following:

- "Jurisdiction in Indian Country," Muscogee (Creek) Nation 8th Annual Doing Business in Indian Country Conference, May 20, 2010
- "Protecting Sacred Sites: Comanche Nation v. United States," University of South Dakota Law Review Symposium, Twentieth Anniversary of Employment Division v. Smith, February 18, 2010

- "Transacting with Indian Tribal Governments," Indian Gaming Seminars in Tulsa and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Bar Association, November 6 and 13, 2008

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- Oklahoma
- Absentee Shawnee Tribe
- Delaware Nation
- Muscogee (Creek) Nation
- Sac and Fox Nation
- United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Oklahoma
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Oklahoma