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### My Practice

PUBLIC BIDDING & PROCUREMENT

CONDEMNATION AND VALUATION - Acquisition and Condemnation on behalf of Government Agencies, Inverse Condemnation, Landowner Representation, Real Estate Valuation

PRODUCTS LIABILITY

NATIVE AMERICAN LAW - Federal Indian Law and Intergovernmental Relations

LITIGATION

ESTATES & TRUSTS

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

With over five years of litigation experience, Chris has become adept at handling all stages of litigation through trial in a wide variety of commercial and non-commercial disputes. From multidistrict product liability actions to large commercial arbitration disputes, Chris has acquired extensive experience and knowledge that provide his clients with both strong defense and offense in dealing with discovery and motion practice.

One concentration within Chris' practice has been the representation of Native American Tribes. As such, he has assisted in myriad legal disputes that involve the complex nexus of federal, state, and tribal law. Applying experience gained through years of dealing with federal and state Native American law on behalf of tribes, both in commercial and non-commercial context, Chris provides a unique depth of experience and understanding in the consultation, strategy and representation of tribes, individuals, and commercial entities that find themselves doing business within tribal reservation or negotiating contracts with tribal governments and tribal commercial entities.

Over the years, Chris has also represented large international product manufacturers in local and multidistrict products liability litigation. Through such experience and practice, Chris has also become familiar and well-versed in meeting the challenges posed by the need for and use of expert depositions and testimony in cases involving complex engineering and manufacturing science aspects. Known for his can-do attitude and accessible style, Chris earns client confidence by assisting in-house and general counsel for products liability manufacturers with their local representation and discovery challenges.

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Defending a Fortune 500 off-road vehicle manufacturer from dozens of multi-million dollar product liability claims.
- Defending a Native American Tribe in a complex multi-million dollar commercial arbitration dispute.
- Assisting a Native American Tribe in regaining control over tribal assets and use of the exercise of its constitutional authority to protect tribal members and the welfare of the Tribe from commercial developers.

- Defending a local audio/video home installation company from breach of contract and negligence claims.

## EDUCATION

University of Arizona  
J.D., 2008

University of Arizona  
B.F.A., 2004

## BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Arizona, 2009
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 2016
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, 2009
- Hualapai Tribal Court

## ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Valley Youth Theater, Past Board Member, 2010-2011

## HONORS & AWARDS

- *Southwest Super Lawyers*® - Rising Stars Edition, Native American Law, 2018