

Biography
of
JANA L. WALKER

Jana L. Walker has practiced in many areas of Indian law representing tribes and tribal organizations since 1987 and is a New Mexico Board Certified Specialist in Federal Indian Law. She is licensed to practice law in New Mexico, Arizona, and the District of Columbia. Jana joined Stetson Law Offices, P.C. in 2009 as a Senior Attorney where her current focus is on tribal environmental regulation, reservation economic development, tribal business organizations, tribal code and court development, Indian housing, taxation, and gaming. Previously, Jana practiced in large and small firms. She was a solo practitioner for 16 years, also serving as *Of Counsel* to Stetson Law Offices, P.C. for 8 of those years. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Oklahoma, attended the Pre-Law Summer Institute for American Indians conducted by the American Indian Law Center, Inc., and graduated from the University of New Mexico School of Law *cum laude*. Jana is an enrolled citizen of the Cherokee Nation (Loyal Shawnee (Feathered Clan)/Cherokee (Long Hair Clan)/Delaware).

Jana is a frequent speaker on Indian law issues and widely published on Indian environmental issues. In 1992, then American Bar Association President Michael McWilliams appointed Jana to serve a three-year term on the ten-member American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Environmental Law. In 2002, USEPA Administrator Carol Browner appointed her to the twenty-five member National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC), where she served as a member and Vice Chair of its Executive Council, member and Acting Chair of its Indigenous Peoples Subcommittee, and member of the NEJAC Fish Consumption Work Group.

Jana has been very active in national, state, and voluntary bar associations, serving as a past officer and council member of the American Bar Association's Section on Environment, Energy, and Resources, as well as a past Chair and Vice Chair of its Committee on Native American Natural Resources. She was recently appointed to Co-Chair the Committee on Native American Natural Resources for the 2009-10 ABA year.

Jana currently serves as a member of the State Bar of New Mexico Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession and, in the past, was a member of the State Bar Task Force on Minorities in the Profession I (1988-1990) and II (1997-1999). She also served as Chair of the Indian Law Section and as Editor of its Indian Law Journal. Jana was a member of the State Bar of New Mexico's first Federal Indian Law Specialty Committee, a member of the Membership Services Advisory Committee, and a mentor in the UNM School of Law Mentor Program. She is a long-time member and past officer and director of the Indian Bar Association of New Mexico.

In 2008, the New Mexico Supreme Court appointed Jana to serve on the New Mexico Board of Bar Examiners, which assists the Court in matters concerning admission or reinstatement of applicants into the State Bar of New Mexico. She currently serves as the Board's Vice Chair and the Chair of its Bar Exam Passage Committee.