



NNABA priorities:

1. **American Indian Judicial Appointments.** The National Native American Bar is continuing to work with the other bars of color and ABA to promote this and to create a short list that I hope you will support. Since there are no Natives on the Federal bench, the new President of the National Bar Association, the African-American bar, has also made a Native appointment his top priority.
2. **Encouraging Colleges and law Schools to request Tribal enrollment/heritage information.** Different offices within the federal government have influence over how information is collected within the higher education arena. Individuals with no Native ancestry self-selecting as “Native” has caused massive misinformation about the number of Native with higher degrees. NNABA is working with the ABA and other organizations to encourage schools to ask for additional enrollment and/or ancestry information.
3. **Native attorney as Solicitor for the Department of Interior.** The DOI and DOJ Solicitors office disproportionately impact Native Americans. It is long time the DOI Solicitor was a Native attorney.

SAIGE priorities:

1. **Agency Offices of General Counsel must have Indian Law practitioners** within them in order to insure that Tribes are adequately and appropriately included in Agency rules, regulations and policies. In particular there should be native attorneys appointed to the DOJ Solicitors Office. In the Federal government all regulations must go through the OGC. At EPA there is an Indian Law Practice Group that insures tribal inclusion.
2. **Every Federal Employee should have to take the basic training on Indian Law and Policy** ie. at EPA we created the Working Effectively with Tribal Governments Training. This training assisted employees at all level to remember and include tribes in their daily work.
3. **We need to increase the number of permanent professional American Indian/ Alaska Native Federal employees**, especially in the management ranks. Currently, there is a lack of AI/AN in management, except for in the traditional Tribal serving agencies. This has lead to inadequate inclusion of tribes.