

Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP Attorney
Selected as Treasurer of National Native American Bar Association

Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP attorney Thomasina Real Bird has been selected as Treasurer of the National Native American Bar Association (“NNABA”).

NNABA, founded in 1973, represents some 2,640 American Indian, Alaska Native and Hawaiian Native attorneys throughout the United States. NNABA’s mission of ensuring the full inclusion of Native American attorneys in the legal profession has added much to the profession’s diversity and inclusion. NNABA members also share the communal responsibility, either directly or indirectly, of protecting the governmental sovereignty of the more than 560 independent Native American Tribal governments in the United States.

Ms. Real Bird works out of the Louisville, Colorado office of Fredericks Peebles & Morgan. Ms. Real Bird is Ihankton Nakota, Sicangu Lakota, and an enrolled member of the Yankton Sioux Tribe. She received a B.A. in Native American Studies and her M.A. in Sociology from Stanford University and her Juris Doctorate from Columbia University in New York. She serves as general counsel to her own tribe and works with the tribal business and claims committee, tribal officials, and members of the tribe’s general council.

Her efforts promote governance and economic development initiatives, as well as encourage the protection of tribal land holdings, tribal sovereignty, and tribal jurisdiction. Ms. Real Bird is a recipient of the American Bar Association’s Rosner and Rosner Young Lawyers Professionalism Award which recognizes and encourages young lawyers who are dedicated to lawyer professionalism. She is also a past recipient of the Native American “40 Under 40 Award” from the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development which recognizes leadership, initiatives and dedication to achieve significant contributions to Indian Country. She serves on the ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession; the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility Diversity Committee; and is the National Native American Bar Association Young Lawyers Committee Chair-Elect.

Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP is one the nation’s largest full service law firms serving Native American Tribes. Firm offices are located throughout the United States including California, Colorado, Michigan, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Washington, D.C.