

ABA to Honor Thomas W. Fredericks with the Spirit of Excellence Award

LOUISVILLE, CO – Thomas Fredericks, Senior Partner of Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP, has been selected to receive the Spirit of Excellence Award from the American Bar Association Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession. Mr. Fredericks will receive the award in February 2017 in Miami, Florida.

The Spirit of Excellence Awards celebrates the efforts and accomplishments of lawyers who work to promote a more racially and ethnically diverse legal profession. Awards are presented to lawyers who excel in their professional settings; who personify excellence on the national, state, or local level; and who have demonstrated a commitment to racial and ethnic diversity in the legal profession.

One of the letters supporting Mr. Fredericks' nomination for the award nicely summed up his commitment to the profession and the native community: "I can say unequivocally that Tom's work benefited the entire Indian community and, in no small measure, has brought justice and fairness to all Native people...it's [also] fair to say that he has mentored, taught and trained more Native lawyers than anyone else I know."

Mr. Fredericks has practiced law for nearly 45 years and is currently a senior partner with the law firm, Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP. At the firm, his practice focuses on: natural resources, energy and environmental laws, tribal sovereignty, tribal government, business and corporate law, gaming and economic development. He has been involved in numerous negotiations with the federal government concerning its trust responsibilities to Indian Country. He also has successfully litigated important Indian rights and resources cases.

Mr. Fredericks will receive the Spirit of Excellence Award during the American Bar Association Midyear Meeting in Miami, Florida on Saturday, February 4, 2017.

Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP is dedicated to the representation of American Indian tribes and Native American organizations throughout the United States. Legal services provided by Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP include a wide spectrum of services related to Indian concerns in the areas of business transactions, litigation, and governmental affairs. The firm has offices in seven states and Washington, D.C. Visit our website at www.ndnlaw.com.