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**FPM CONTINUES TO PROVE IT HAS SOME OF THE BEST LAWYERS
NOT ONLY IN INDIAN COUNTRY BUT THE NATION:
THOMAS FREDERICKS AND JEREMY PATTERSON ARE THE
NEWEST ATTORNEYS NAMED TO THE 2018 *BEST LAWYERS* LIST,
JOINING FOUR FPM ATTORNEYS PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED WITH
THIS HONOR**

Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP (“FPM”) is pleased to announce that Thomas W. Fredericks and Jeremy Patterson have been named among the 2018 Best Lawyers. *Best Lawyers*® is the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession. A listing in *Best Lawyers*® is widely regarded by both clients and legal professionals as a significant honor, conferred on a lawyer by his or her peers.

Best Lawyers® compiles a list of outstanding attorneys by conducting exhaustive peer-review surveys in which tens of thousands of leading lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers. Since it was first published in 1983, *Best Lawyers*® has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. This honor is bestowed upon only four percent of attorneys each year. This year, *Best Lawyers*® honors two additional FPM attorneys, Thomas W. Fredericks and Jeremy Patterson.

Thomas W. Fredericks joined the firm as a Senior Partner in 2007, merging his practice from the law firm which he founded in Colorado in 1979. An enrolled member of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, Mr. Fredericks had dedicated his practice to working in many different areas of Indian law. Specifically, Mr. Fredericks advocates for tribes and tribal organizations in a vast array of areas including water rights, land rights, utility development, oil

and gas and other mineral development trust issues, casino and economic development, inter-governmental affairs, tribal sovereignty and self-determination, land-into-trust, tribal government, natural resources, energy and environmental law, business and corporate law, commercial transactions, housing, and taxation. Mr. Fredericks has worked extensively on behalf of Indian tribes and tribal organizations and in many different capacities including: Director of the Native American Rights Fund, Chief Legal Officer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Associate Solicitor for the Department of Interior, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, and legal counsel to numerous tribes. No matter what position he has served, he has always advocated deeply for rights of American Indian tribes. Mr. Fredericks has received many honors for his outstanding work, including most recently, the Spirit of Excellence Award from the American Bar Association, which honors lawyers for their dedication to ethnic and racial diversity in the profession of law. Only four attorneys nationwide received this honor in 2017.

Jeremy J. Patterson joined FPM in 2006 and became a partner in 2011. An enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe (Minicoujou/Itazipco Lakota), Mr. Patterson received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Wisconsin Law School and holds an L.L.M. in American Indian and Indigenous Law from the University of Tulsa. As part of his L.L.M. thesis, Mr. Patterson developed a legal history of his own tribe, the first published comprehensive legal history of an American Indian tribe that fully documents the evolution of a tribe's legal, economic social and political systems. Mr. Patterson focuses his practice on representing American Indian tribes and tribal organizations in a vast array of areas including tribal government representation, tribal economic development, revision of tribal constitutions, management of water resources, and water rights settlement claims. Mr. Patterson also assists tribal clients with energy development and policy issues, oil and gas development agreements, midstream projects and other permitting and regulatory compliance matters. Mr. Patterson is the past recipient of the *National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development Native American 40 Under 40 Award* and was selected as one of *5280 Magazine's Top Lawyers in Native American Law* for 2017. He also serves as President of the Board of Directors for the Cheyenne River Youth Project, a grassroots organization dedicated to providing the youth of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe access to a vibrant and secure future.

Since it was first published in 1983, *Best Lawyers*® has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. *Best Lawyers* lists are compiled based on an exhaustive peer-review evaluation. For the 2017 Edition of *The Best lawyers in America*®, 7.3 million votes were analyzed, which resulted in 54,905 leading lawyers being included in the new edition. Lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed; therefore, inclusion in *Best Lawyers*® is considered a singular honor. *Corporate Counsel*® magazine has called *Best Lawyers*® “the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice.”

Thomas W. Fredericks and Jeremy J. Patterson join four other FPM attorneys who have received this honor in the past and continue to receive this prestigious recognition into 2018. The other 2018 FPM Best Lawyers are:

John Fredericks III - Mandan, ND

Patrick R. Bergin - Sacramento, CA

John F. Petoskey - Peshawbestown, MI

John Nyhan - Sacramento, CA

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