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**THOMASINA REAL BIRD AND SHEILA CORBINE NAMED AS
NEWEST FPM LAWYERS TO THE *BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA* LIST**

Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP (“FPM”) is pleased to announce that Thomasina Real Bird and Sheila Corbine have been named among the 2019 Best Lawyers in America. *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 FPM attorneys, Thomasina Real Bird and Sheila Corbine.

Sheila Corbine joined the Firm in 2014 and is a partner in the Winnebago, Nebraska office. Prior to joining the firm she worked for eighteen (18) years with the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin. Ms. Corbine previously served as Attorney General for the Ho-Chunk Nation and served in that capacity for ten (10) years. She practices in the areas of tribal governance, employment law, gaming, housing and Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC), tribal taxation and tribal economic development, including New Market Tax Credits (NMTC).

In 2009 Ms. Corbine was given the honor of being named one of Wisconsin State Journal’s Women in the Law. In 2010 she received the President’s award from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire for her achievement as an outstanding Alumnus. Ms. Corbine is a member of Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribe in Wisconsin.

Ms. Corbine has authored and co-authored scholarly works and magazine articles including: “When the Family is Native American: Understanding the Indian Child Welfare Act”, “Indian Child Welfare Act: A Manual Update for Wisconsin Practitioners” *Wisconsin Judicare*,

Inc. (1995), “Mistakes You’ll Never Make Again: Learning to Interact with Diverse Clientele” *Law Practice Today* (2016), and “How to Defeat Workplace Earworms” *Law Practice Today* (2018).

Thomasina Real Bird joined the firm in 2007 after graduating from Columbia University School of Law with her juris doctorate degree. An enrolled member of the Yankton Sioux Tribe and a partner in FPM’s Louisville, Colorado office, she uses her legal talents to serve as general counsel for her Tribe and is dedicated to serving tribes, tribal corporations, and individual tribal members. Ms. Real Bird practices in the areas of tribal governance, litigation, employment law, administrative law, government regulations, tribal-state-federal regulations, constitutional law, and professional responsibility.

Ms. Real Bird serves as Treasurer of the National Native American Bar Association and Foundation. She also serves on the American Bar Association Center for Professional Responsibility Diversity Committee (2014-present) and served on the American Bar Association Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession (2015-2018). Ms. Real Bird is also a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Throughout her career, Ms. Real Bird has received many honors for her outstanding work, including the Rosner & Rosner Young Lawyers Professionalism Award in 2014, which honors young lawyers’ commitment to legal and judicial ethics, professionalism, client protection and professional regulation and the Native American 40 under 40 Award in 2013, which honors those who have demonstrated leadership, initiative, and dedication to achieve significant contributions to Native communities throughout America.

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