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Fredericks to Lead American Indian Law Clinic



Carla Fredericks, of counsel to Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP, has been appointed to an associate clinical professor of law position at the University of Colorado Law School. Fredericks will teach Colorado Law's American Indian Law Clinic that provides students with additional learning experience in American Indian law.

This year-long class provides students with the opportunity to represent American Indian tribes, organizations, and individuals in a variety of matters. "I am honored to be appointed to a clinical professor position at the University of Colorado Law School and am excited to teach these great students about the American Indian Law system," said Fredericks.

Fredericks will also become co-director of the American Indian Law Program (AILP), which serves as the umbrella organization for Colorado Law's academic, practice-focused and community outreach activities in American Indian Law.

Phil Weiser, Dean of Colorado Law, noted, "Carla Fredericks will join a dynamic team, with the opportunity to build on Colorado Law's historic accomplishments in American Indian law, train our students to practice at the highest levels, and address indigenous peoples' issues in Colorado, throughout the United States, and around the globe."

Fredericks is an enrolled member of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation of North Dakota. She is currently of counsel to Fredericks Peebles and Morgan LLP where her focus is on complex and appellate litigation and Native American affairs, representing Indian tribes and organizations in a variety of litigation and policy matters.

The AILP at Colorado Law traces its origins to the 1970s when American Indian students asked the dean to offer a basic course in federal Indian Law, and Colorado Law professors were involved in the founding of the Native American Rights Fund in Boulder. As of 2013, hundreds of students have studied Indian law at Colorado Law, and the AILP now features five full-time faculty members; an active Native American Law Students Association; a well-developed curriculum of coursework culminating in a certificate; research, policy, and pro bono work for tribes; and partnerships with leading organizations in the field.

Fredericks is a member of the board of trustees of the American Indian College Fund and is chair of the board of trustees for the Mashantucket (Western) Pequot Tribe Endowment Trust. She serves



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on the steering committee for the Indigenous Peoples' Task Force of the Forum for Sustainable and Responsible Investment. She has also performed extensive pro bono and fundraising work in the social justice arena, including preparing amicus curiae briefs on behalf of Native American groups submitted to the United States Supreme Court. She is a member of the Federal Bar Association, the National Native American Bar Association, the National Congress of American Indians, and the Native American Finance Officers' Association.