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## **Fredericks Peebles & Morgan Managing Partner Appointed to Smithsonian Museum Board**

Lance Morgan, Managing Partner of Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP, has been appointed for a three year term to the Board of Trustees of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) in Washington, D.C.

Morgan has served as economic advisor to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and was a member of the Federal Reserve Consumer Advisory Committee. He received the Small Business Administration Regional Minority Business Person of the Year in 2010 and was selected as a Champion of Change honoree by the White House and President Obama. In addition, Morgan has received numerous awards from other entities including his alma mater, Harvard University, the Ford Foundation, and the National Congress of American Indians.

"It is a great honor to serve as a Board Member for this remarkable museum that showcases not only Native American history and artifacts, but present-day Native contributions to society and culture as well," Morgan stated.

As a member of the NMAI Board of Trustees, Morgan's responsibilities include advising and assisting with matters related to the administration, operation, maintenance and preservation of the museum, as well as oversight related to the acquisition, disposition and display of artifacts.

According to the NMAI website, the museum was established by an Act of Congress in 1989 as "... an institution of living cultures dedicated to advancing knowledge and understanding of the life, languages, literature, history, and arts of the Native peoples of the Western Hemisphere".

Opened in 2004, NMAI is the first museum in the United States dedicated entirely to Native Americans, both past and present, with exhibitions and multimedia shown completely from a Native American perspective. In addition to the Washington D.C. site on the National Mall, NMAI includes the George Gustav Heye Center in New York City and the Cultural Resources Center in Suitland, Maryland.

The museum's permanent collection features thousands of Native American artifacts including artwork, weavings, beadwork, maps, and photographs. NMAI holds an array of free events such as lectures, workshops, and demonstrations featuring Native American contemporary issues, culture, ceremonies, music, dance, literature, theater, and films.