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## ***FIRM SENIOR PARTNER HONORED WITH UNIVERSITY AWARD***



Thomas W. Fredericks, senior partner with Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP has been honored with the Minot State University (MSU) Alumni Association Golden Award. It is the highest award given by the MSU Alumni Association. Recipients are chosen based on superior service to the University or Alumni Association and distinguished leadership in the recipient's career or community. When the award was presented to Fredericks, it was stated, "It is impossible to measure his impact in Indian law, but his influence will last for generations beyond him."

Fredericks, who has a lengthy record of service to Indian tribes, is an enrolled member of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation. His lifetime dedication to change government policy towards Indian tribes began with his family's hardships on the Forth Berthold Reservation.

His family's difficult relocation as part of the Garrison Diversion Project and his work experiences on the Standing Rock Reservation inspired his life-long commitment as legal counsel and advocate for Native American rights.

In high school, he excelled in all sports and was awarded athletic scholarships to Minot State University. He began his career as a high school teacher and coach and became an Economic Opportunity Program Director for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. He began his legal education at the University of New Mexico's Summer Indian Law Institute. That led to his attendance at the University of Colorado at Boulder Law School where he developed a passion for Indian Law. As a liaison between the California Indian Legal Defense Fund and the law school, he helped facilitate the founding of the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) in Boulder in the early 1970s.

In 2007, Fredericks became a senior partner with the law firm Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP. At the Firm, his practice areas include: Indian gaming, economic development, tribal sovereignty, natural resources, energy and environmental law, and business and corporate law. He has been involved in numerous negotiations with the Federal government concerning its trust responsibilities. He also has successfully litigated important Indian rights and resources cases and has extensive experience involving oil and mineral leasing. He has been involved in negotiations for tribes in disputes with private, state and federal agencies over water, coal and land.

"We are very pleased that Tom's distinguished record of service and commitment to the legal profession has been recognized by his alma mater," said Lance Morgan, managing partner of Fredericks Peebles & Morgan. "Our law firm recognizes the importance of service to our communities and to Indian Country."

Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP is one the nation's largest full service law firms serving Native American Tribes. Firm offices are located throughout the United States including California, Colorado, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Washington, D.C. Please use the following link for more information about Mr. Fredericks' Golden Award:

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