



Native Attorneys in the Legal Profession

Native Americans, including American Indians, Alaska natives and native Hawaiians, together comprise 1.6 percent of the U.S. population, but less than half a percent of all lawyers.

www.nativeamericanbar.org/native-american-attorney-study/

Why Become a Lawyer?

- ❖ To have an interesting and rewarding career.
- ❖ To gain the skills and position to be able to provide a Native perspective in cases, legislation, and/or policy.
- ❖ To be able to advocate for Native rights in legal forums.
- ❖ To serve Native nations and communities.

National Native American Bar Association

Our Mission

Advancing Justice for Native Americans. NNABA shares many of the same goals of diversity and increased understanding of our communities' unique cultural and legal issues with minority bar associations. However, most of our lawyers are both U.S. citizens and citizens of their respective Tribal nations. Our members, therefore, also share the communal responsibility, either directly or indirectly, of protecting the governmental sovereignty of the more than 560 independent Native American Tribal governments in the United States.

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RESOURCES FOR NATIVE STUDENTS CONSIDERING THE LEGAL PROFESSION

Provided by National Native American Bar Association Young Lawyers Committee

High School

Check List

- Study and take the ACT and/or SAT
- Research universities application requirements early in your senior year
- Participate in extracurricular activities
- Keep your grades up
- Apply for scholarships
- Apply for grants

Resource Guides and Scholarships

Native American College Fund

www.collegefund.org

Native American Education Fund

www.nativepartnership.org/site/PageServer?pagename=aief_home

Catching the Dream

www.catchingthedream.org

Indian Country Today Media Network Education Directory

www.indiancountrymedianetwork.com/education-directory/

101 Tips for Landing Native American Scholarships and Grants for College

www.indiancountrymedianetwork.com/free-reports/101-tips-landing-native-american-scholarships-grants-college/

Gates Millennium Scholars Program

www.gmsp.org

College

Check List

- Keep your grades up.
- Participate in extracurricular activities and take on leadership roles.
- Participate in internships and study abroad programs
- Take a prep course to help you study for the LSAT
- Research law schools for programs that spark your interest
- Research the admissions process (<https://law.yale.edu/admissions/jd-admissions/ask-asha-archive>)
- Apply to law schools early!

Resources and Programs

For People of Color

www.forpeopleofcolor.org

Provides free, high-quality law school admissions consulting services.

Pre-Law Summer Institute for American Indians and Alaska Natives ("PLSI")

www.ailc-inc.org/PLSI.htm

PLSI is an intensive two-month program which prepares American Indian and Alaska Native individuals for the rigors of law school. (They also offer scholarships).

UCLA Law Fellows Program

www.law.ucla.edu/admissions/outreach
Mentorship for the law school application process and LSAT preparation.

American Indian Graduate Center

www.aigcs.org

Law School

Check List

- Keep your grades up
- Participate in extracurricular activities
- Take on leadership roles
- Intern at different offices
- Research tribal and state Native bar associations
- Get involved with bar associations
- Attend conferences
- Take a bar preparation course

Resources for Internships and Scholarships

National Native American Law Student Association

www.nationalnalsa.org/Native

National Native American Bar Association

www.nativeamericanbar.org/

NNABA Regional Bar Association List

www.nativeamericanbar.org/the-mission-of-nnaba/

Turtle Talk

www.turtletalk.wordpress.com

California ChangeLawyers

www.changelawyers.org/