

# PATTY FERGUSON-BOHNEE

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## EDUCATION

**Columbia University School of Law**, New York, NY. Juris Doctorate 2001. Attended the **Université de Paris II** in Paris, France for one semester.

Honors: Parker School Certificate of Achievement in Foreign and Comparative Law  
Jerome L. Greene Scholar, 1998-99  
William S. Beinecke Scholar, 1999-2000  
Columbia Human Rights Fellowship, Summer 1999  
First Year Moot Court Program, Best Brief

Activities: *Columbia Human Rights Law Review*, Notes Editor  
Columbia Law School Mediation Clinic  
National Native American Law Students Association, President  
Association of the Bar of New York, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee  
New York State Certified Mediator

**Université de Paris VII**, Paris, France. 1997-98 Fulbright Scholar. Conducted research on French colonial relations with Louisiana Indians during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

**Stanford University**, Stanford, CA. A.B. Degree with Honors in Native American Studies with an Emphasis in Policy and Law, 1997. Also attended the Stanford Campus in Paris, France for one quarter.

Honors: James Lyons, The Stanford University Dean's Award for Service, 1997  
Undergraduate Research Opportunities: Ford Minority Research Grant Recipient, 1994; Small Grant Recipient, Summer 1994; Major Grant Recipient, Summer 1996  
Chappell-Lougee Scholar, 1994-1995  
Harry S. Truman National Scholarship Finalist

Activities: Associated Students of Stanford University Student Body Senator  
Stanford American Indian Organization Co-Chair  
Stanford University Varsity Track and Cheerleading Teams  
Honors College, Teaching Assistant

## EXPERIENCE

**Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Associate Clinical Professor of Law** Tempe, AZ, June 2008-present  
**Director, Indian Legal Clinic.** Supervise Students enrolled in the Indian Legal Clinic, a live, in-house clinic focusing on Indian law and tribal law issues. Client matters include policy, litigation, administrative appeals, and code drafting. Teach weekly seminar on lawyering skills.

**Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Visiting Professor** Tempe, AZ, June 2007-June 2008  
**Director, Indian Legal Clinic.** Supervised Students enrolled in the Indian Legal Clinic and co-taught a weekly seminar on lawyering skills. Supervised students participating in NNALSA Moot Court competition. Organized Tribal Court Trial Skills College.

**Sacks Tierney, Associate Of Counsel** Scottsdale, AZ, Oct. 2003-June 2007  
June 2007-present  
Associate in the Indian and Tribal Relations Practice Group. Responsible for drafting all pleadings and other facets of litigation, including trial preparation, case strategy, witness interviews, and client communication. Heavily involved in litigation commenced by the Navajo Nation to invalidate the Arizona voter identification requirement. Drafted congressional and state legislative testimony for the Navajo Nation on voter identification laws. Drafted motions and appeal briefs in state redistricting litigation on behalf of the Navajo Nation. Represent clients in all aspects of tribal, state, and federal election laws. Advise tribal clients on governmental relations and changes in the law. Successfully negotiated changes to the Arizona Real Estate Department's Public Disclosure Report to include tribal provisions. Represent the Pointe-au-Chien Indian Tribe in

efforts to obtain federal recognition. Assisted four Indian tribes, including the Pointe-au-Chien Indian Tribe, in obtaining recognition from the State of Louisiana.

**The Hon. Betty B. Fletcher, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, Judicial Clerk** Seattle, WA, 2002-2003  
Assisted federal appellate judge with legal research and writing. Monitored cases in the fields of environmental, voting rights, immigration, and Indian law.

**Sacks Tierney, Associate** Scottsdale, AZ, Jan.-Aug. 2002  
Drafted pleadings and conducted research on behalf of the Navajo Nation in state and federal Voting Rights Act litigation. Represented Indian clients in land negotiations on the Gila River Indian Reservation. Drafted pleadings and represented tribal entity in employment rights action in Tohono O'odham Tribal Court. Drafted resolutions for tribal entities in designating natural resource areas on the Tohono O'odham Indian Reservation. Coordinated recognition and land protection efforts for the Pointe-au-Chien Indian Tribe and Isle de Jean Charles Band of Biloxi-Chitimacha Confederation of Muskogeese.

## PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- Currently overseeing the compilation of a manuscript documenting the history, culture, and traditions of the Pointe-au-Chien Indian Tribe.
- Presentation, *Legislative Redistricting—The Impact on Tribal Communities*, Arizona State Bar Convention Committee on Minorities and Women in the Law Seminar, June 2008.
- Presentation, *2007-2008 Indian Law Litigation Update*, Arizona State Bar Convention Indian Law Section Program, June 2008.
- Presentation, *Eagle Feathers and Religious Rights for Nonfederally Recognized Indians*, Second Annual Indian Law Clinics and Externship Programs, June 2008.
- Presentation, *Federal Court Litigation Update*, Navajo Nation Bar Conference, June 2008.
- Presentation, *What's New in Indian Law*, Arizona Legal Services Statewide Conference on Bridging the Justice Gap for All Arizonans, May 2008.
- Faculty and Judge, Tribal Court Trial Skills College, March 2008.
- Presentation, *Protecting Native American Voting Rights*, Arizona Indian Law Section Education Program, Oct. 2006.
- Presentation, *2005-2006 Litigation and Case Law Update*, Arizona State Bar Convention Indian Law Seminar, June 2006.
- Presentation, *Social Justice for Louisiana's Bayou Indians*, UC Hastings Race and Poverty Law Journal's Symposium on Racism in the 21st Century, April 2006.
- *Ninth Circuit En Banc Decision On Tribal Court Jurisdiction Over Nonmembers: Case Summary of Smith v. Salish Kootenai College*, THE ARROW, Spring 2006.
- Presentation, *After the Storm: Impacts on Louisiana's Native Nations*, UCLA School of Law's Critical Race Studies Program on Hurricane Katrina: *Bringing the People and the Issues Home*, Nov. 2005.
- Presentation, *Tribal Courts and Tribal Law*, Scottsdale Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Program on *Doing Business in Indian Country*, April 2005.
- Presentation, *C'est le battement du cœur d'un peuple oublié: les Indiens qui habitent dans le sud de la Louisiane*, at le Congrès Mondial for the Conseil International d'Etudes Francophones, Lafayette, LA, May 1999.
- Substance and Alcohol Abuse Panel Participant at the 1998 United National Indian Tribal Youth Conference.
- Series of 20 Presentations on *Les Indiens de Louisiane et leur droit d'être un peuple reconnu par le gouvernement Américain* throughout France in conjunction with L'Association France-Louisiane, 1997-1998.
- *Negotiating the Labyrinth of Federal Recognition: A California Case Study*, Honors Thesis, 1997.
- Presentation, *California Indian Recognition*, Bay Area American Indian Research Forum, Spring 1997
- Wrote the section on Unrecognized and Terminated California Indian Tribes in *A Second Century of Dishonor* published by the UCLA American Indian Program, 1996.
- Presentation, *Recognition and the Lower Bayou Indian Communities in Louisiana*, Bay Area American Indian Research Forum, Spring 1996.
- Presentation, *An Analysis of the United Houma Nation's Petition for Federal Acknowledgment*, Bay Area American Indian Research Forum, Spring 1994.

**TESTIMONY**

- Testimony before the United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Oversight Hearing on Recommendations for Improving the Federal Acknowledgment Process, April 24, 2008.
- Testimony before the Louisiana House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 182 to recognize the Pointe-au-Chien Indian Tribe and the Biloxi-Chitimacha Tribes, Spring 2004.
- Testimony before the Louisiana Senate Committee on Government Affairs in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 105 to recognize the Pointe-au-Chien Indian Tribe and the Biloxi-Chitimacha Tribes, Spring 2004.

**REPORTED CASES**

*Arizona Minority Coalition for Fair Redistricting v. Arizona Indep. Redistricting Comm'n*, 121 F.3d 843 (Ariz. App. 2005).

**AMICUS BRIEFS**

*Crawford v. Marion County*, Nos. 07-21, 07-25 (U.S. 2008) (drafted amicus brief for the Navajo Nation and Agnes Laughter).

**COURT AND BAR ADMISSIONS**

- Hopi Tribal Court, 2008
- Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Tribal Court, 2007
- Gila River Indian Community Court, 2007
- Ak-Chin Tribal Court, 2007
- Tohono O'odham Justice Court, 2004
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2003
- United States District Court for the District of Arizona, 2002
- State of Arizona, 2001

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- State Bar of Arizona, Indian Law Section Executive Council Board Member
- Miss Indian Arizona Association Scholarship Program, President
- Native American Bar Association of Arizona, Founding Member and Vice-President
- National Native American Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association, Indian Law and Appellate Law Sections
- Arizona State, Tribal and Federal Court Forum: Intergovernmental Cooperation Workgroup Participant
- Stanford Native American Alumni Association of Arizona, Co-President
- Northwest Indian Bar Association
- Gila River Junior Suns Basketball Program, Volunteer

**LANGUAGES**

- Fluent in French and knowledgeable of Cajun French.