

American Indian or Native American Law (aka Indigenous People or Tribal Law) is a complex area of law that deals with how American Indian tribes and tribal members interact with federal, state, and local governments. Interactions may be between governments, similar to international law, or between individuals and tribal, state or federal governments. American Indian tribes also have limited governance rights on their own lands over enrolled tribal members, and often have their own laws and court systems. This area of law may involve treaties, statutes, and regulations at the state, federal, and local level.

Attorneys who deal with American Indian law may work for non-profits, tribes, federal agencies, and state agencies. They may end up practicing in a variety of areas because American Indian law touches on almost every area of law. Particularly important are environmental law, land use, zoning, gaming law, family law, and education law. To learn more about American Indian law, please visit the [National Congress of American Indians](#), [National Indian Law Library](#), or the [Restatement of the Law of American Indians](#).

Job Type	Typical Duties
<p><u>Federal Agencies</u> Administration for Native Americans (HHS) Bureau of Indian Affairs Department of the Interior (DOI) Indian Arts and Crafts Board Indian Health Service National Indian Gaming Commission Office of Native American Programs (HUD) Federal Jobs</p>	<p>Protect the rights of the indigenous population Assist and provide services either directly or through contracts, grants, or compacts to American Indians and Alaska Natives Manage and conserve federal land and natural resources Administer of programs relating to Native Americans Work on infrastructure and land use issues concerning tribal lands</p>
<p><u>FL State Agencies</u> Florida Governor’s Council on Indian Affairs, Inc. Florida State Jobs</p>	<p>Work with tribes on permits Work on law enforcement issues that occur on tribal lands</p>
<p><u>Local Government</u> City Attorney’s Office County Attorney’s Office Mayor’s Office Florida County Websites Florida City Websites</p>	<p>Work with tribes on permits Work on law enforcement issues that occur on tribal lands</p>
<p><u>Non-Profit Agencies</u> National Congress of American Indians National Indian Child Welfare Association National Indian Justice Center</p>	<p>Provide training to tribal leaders and regulators about American Indian Law Advocate for the rights of tribal members</p>

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Professional Organizations

[Federal Bar Association Indian Law Section](#)

[National Native American Bar Association \(NNABA\)](#)

[Navajo National Bar Association](#)

Other Activities

Participate in the [National Native American Law Students Association Writing Competition](#)

Obtain an internship with an attorney or firm who specializes in Indian and Native Population law.

Participate in the Pre-Law Summer Internship (PLSI) [Judicial Clerkship Program](#) through the American Indian Law Center, Inc.

Periodically check the [Symplicity Job Board](#) for opportunities in this area of law.

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