



Biography

VICE CHAIR

KATHRYN ISOM-CLAUSE



Kathryn Isom-Clause (Taos Pueblo) is the Vice Chair of the National Indian Gaming Commission. As such, she is one of three commissioners responsible for regulating and ensuring the integrity of the more than 450 Indian gaming facilities, associated with nearly 242 tribes across 28 states. Isom-Clause was appointed by the Secretary of Interior on March 14, 2016 for a three-year term.

Prior to joining the NIGC, Isom-Clause served as a senior counselor to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs at the U.S. Department of the Interior. In this position, she advised the Assistant Secretary on Indian gaming matters, including tribal-state gaming compacts, environmental compliance issues and revenue allocation plans. She also chaired interagency working groups on sacred sites and homelessness, and coordinated listening sessions and roundtables with tribal stakeholders. In addition, her portfolio included the restoration and protection of tribal homelands. Prior to joining the federal government, Isom-Clause provided legal advice and representation to tribal clients on a wide range of federal Indian law and policy issues important to Indian Country.

Isom-Clause graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wellesley College, Mass. and received her juris doctor from Columbia University School of Law, N.Y.

The [National Indian Gaming Commission](#) is committed to the prompt and efficient regulation of the Indian gaming industry spanning more than 450 gaming establishments, associated with nearly 242 tribes across 28 states. The Commission's dedication to compliance with the [Indian Gaming Regulatory Act](#) ensures the integrity of the \$28.5 billion Indian gaming industry. To learn more, visit www.nigc.gov and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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