



# Biography

## OKLAHOMA CITY REGION DIRECTOR ANTHONY WHEELER



Anthony Wheeler is the Region Director for the National Indian Gaming Commission's Oklahoma City Region office. He is responsible for training, technical assistance and compliance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act for 72 Indian gaming operations and 22 gaming tribes located in western Oklahoma and Texas. Before joining NIGC in 2007, Wheeler spent 17 years in law enforcement including stints as Investigator and Police Chief for the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma. Wheeler also worked for the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe in Connecticut as a patrolman. Wheeler investigated criminal activity at casinos and later became involved in game protection, serving as surveillance manager at Sac & Fox and Osage Nation Casinos in Oklahoma.

Wheeler attended Seminole State College and is a graduate of the BIA Indian Police Academy, Federal Criminal Investigator Academy, and the FBI National Academy.

*The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act created the [National Indian Gaming Commission](#) to support tribal self-sufficiency and the integrity of Indian gaming. The NIGC has developed four initiatives to support its mission including (1) To protect against anything that amounts to gamesmanship on the backs of tribes; (2) To stay ahead of the Technology Curve; (3) Rural outreach; and (4) To maintain a strong workforce within NIGC and with its tribal regulatory partners. NIGC oversees the efficient regulation of 506 gaming establishments operated by 246 tribes across 29 states. The Commission's dedication to compliance with the [Indian Gaming Regulatory Act](#) ensures the integrity of the growing \$32.4 billion Indian gaming industry. To learn more, visit [www.nigc.gov](http://www.nigc.gov) and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).*

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