

# Introduction to NIGC

## Session Guide



### Key Points

Introduction to the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC)  
Participant Guide

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### Objectives



**Overview of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.**

**Discover our Mission, Commission, and Agency structure.**

**Review the Responsibilities of NIGC Divisions.**



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This session will guide you through a historic overview of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). You will have the opportunity to discover our Mission, Commission, and Agency structure to understand how we support and regulate Indian gaming. This session will allow you to examine the responsibilities of NIGC Divisions to know who handles what, making it easier to find the right support and information.

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### NIGC and IGRA

## Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA)



### Key Points

As an independent federal regulatory agency, the NIGC was established pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA).

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### Our Mission

- Promote tribal economic development, self-sufficiency, and strong tribal governments
- Maintain the integrity of the Indian gaming industry
- Ensure tribes are the primary beneficiaries of their gaming activities



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### The Commission



#### Key Points

Indian tribes are the primary regulators of Indian gaming.

IGRA vested the NIGC with the primary purpose of supporting tribal sovereignty and self-determination, and protection of the integrity of Indian gaming.

In FY 2024, NIGC provided federal oversight to over 500 Tribally owned, operated, or licensed gaming establishments operating in twenty-nine states.

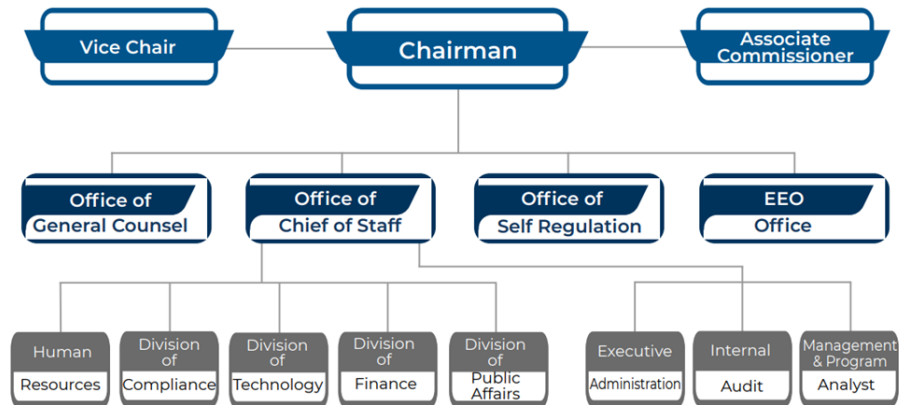
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### NIGC Organizational Structure

NIGC's organizational structure is composed of two main branches, the Office of General Counsel, which handles legal affairs, and the Office of the Chief of Staff, which manages day-to-day activities and includes the Division of Compliance, Division of Finance, Division of Public Affairs, and the Division of Technology.



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The current [structure of National Indian Gaming Commission \(NIGC\)](https://nigc.gov/structure-of-national-indian-gaming-commission-nigc). This can be found on our website, [NIGC.gov](https://nigc.gov) under the COMMISSION tab in the About Us menu.

### Notes

### Branches

#### Office of Chief of Staff

- Compliance
- Technology
- Finance
- Public Affairs
- Administrative Functions

#### Office of General Counsel

- Associate General Counsel's
- Staff Attorneys
- Legal Fellow and Legal Interns
- Legal Staff Assistants



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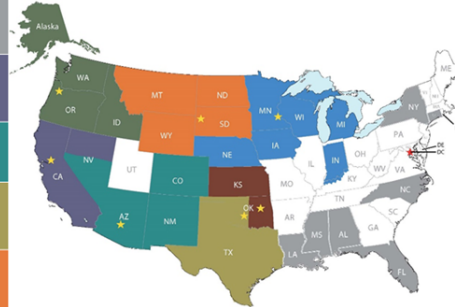
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### Division of Compliance

#### Monitors Tribal gaming in accordance with:

- Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA)
- NIGC Regulations
- Tribal Gaming Ordinance
- Secretarial Procedures

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| Portland Region        |
| Washington D.C. Region |
| Sacramento Region      |
| Phoenix Region         |
| Oklahoma City Region   |
| Rapid City Region      |
| St. Paul Region        |
| Tulsa Region           |



#### Notes

### Division of Compliance

- Performing site visits
- Reviewing and processing gaming license submissions
- Provides technical assistance
- Conducting formal training sessions
- Conducting investigations
- Site-Specific training
- Internal Control Assessment (ICA)
- Internal Audit Review (IAR)



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The Division of Compliance monitors compliance of tribal gaming operations in accordance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act by working closely with the more than 5,000 tribal regulators.

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## Division of Technology



- Training, technical expertise, and assistance to tribes
- Information Technology Vulnerability Assessments (ITVA)
- Agency information technology services
- Privacy and records management
- Cybersecurity policy and governance
- Criminal Justice Information Security (CJIS) Services

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The Division of Technology provides integrated technology for enhancing the Commission's regulatory mission to support tribes and tribal regulators.

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### Division of Public Affairs

- News and Media gateway for Agency announcements
- Press releases/statements/speeches
- Congressional and public testimonies
- Tradeshows and exhibits
- Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs
- NIGC website and social media
- External and Internal Training
- Safety and Occupational Health

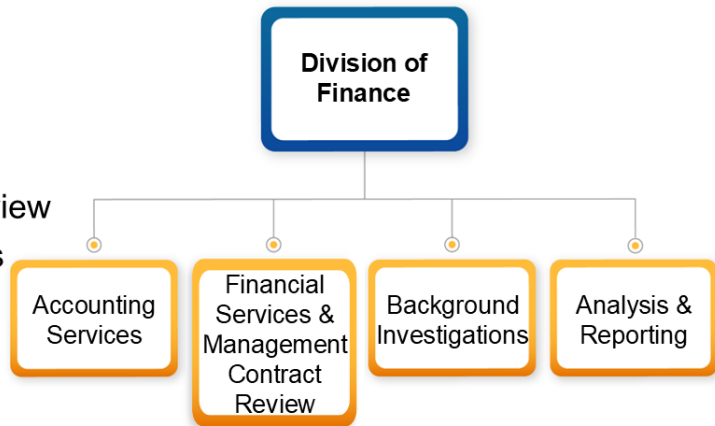


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### Division of Finance

- Budgetary matters
- Fee/fingerprint payment processing and statement distribution
- Management Contract review
- Background investigations
- Procurement activities
- Financial analysis and reporting



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The Division of Finance handles the Commission's fiscal and budgetary matters and supports the agency's day-to-day financial activities.

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### Office of General Counsel (OGC)

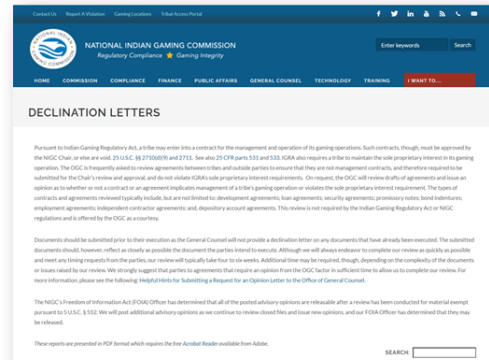
- Legal advice to Agency and Commission
- Coordinate litigation with Department of Justice

#### OGC Reviews:

- Ordinances
- Management Contracts
- Alternate Standards
- Audit Waivers
- Unexecuted Gaming Contracts

#### OGC Issues:

Game Classifications, Indian Lands, Declination letters



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TOTAL OFFERINGS

# 82

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## NIGC Courses & Videos

- Regulatory Training
- Additional Gaming Related Training
- Technical Assistance and Assessments

**96.4%** of Gaming Tribes attended some form of training during FY24.

Total attendance during FY24 exceeded **23K**.

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In FY 2023, tribal attendance across NIGC regions remained strong. Of the 574 federally recognized tribes within the United States, 251 tribes currently conduct gaming operations. Of those tribes, 242 attended some form of NIGC training, accounting for 96.4% attendance by gaming tribes.

Our total attendance during FY24 exceeded over 23K audience members!

### Notes

### What do you still need to know about the NIGC?



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