



Biography

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Michael Hoenig is the General Counsel at the National Indian Gaming Commission, an independent federal regulatory agency established within the Department of the Interior. He provides legal oversight, guidance and assistance to the Commission in carrying out its responsibilities under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Michael joined the NIGC as a Staff Attorney in 2006, and was made Associate General Counsel in 2014. Prior to joining the NIGC, Michael served as Counsel to Chickasaw Nation Ambassador Charles Blackwell and as Counsel to Native Affairs Development Group, a Washington, D.C. based company focused on economic development in Indian Country. Hoenig also provided legal services to members the Muscogee Creek Nation through his work at the University of Tulsa's Boesche Legal Clinic and worked as a Clerk for the Sitka Tribe of Alaska's General Counsel.

Michael received his undergraduate degree from Benedictine College, Atchison, Kas. in 1997, his Law degree from the Creighton University School of Law, Omaha, Neb. in 2001, and a Masters of Laws (LLM) in American Indian and Indigenous Law from the University of Tulsa, Okla. in 2004, where he graduated with Highest Honors.

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