



Biography

ST. PAUL REGION DIRECTOR SHAWNNA ELLIS



Shawanna Ellis is a member of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe and serves as the St. Paul Region Director. As Region Director, she is responsible for the technical assistance, training and compliance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act for 99 Indian gaming facilities owned and operated by 37 federally recognized tribes located in Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Wisconsin.

Ellis joined the agency in 2011 and has been serving as a Compliance Officer in the St. Paul Region Office. Prior to joining the NIGC, she held positions of Senior Compliance with the Potawatomi Hotel and Casino, Internal Auditor with the Lac Courte Oreilles Gaming Commission, and Audit Specialist/Gaming Variance Analyst with the Lac Courte Oreilles Casino. In addition to her 18 years of experience in tribal gaming.

Ellis is a graduate of Post University in Waterbury, C.T. with a Bachelor of Science degree in Legal Studies.

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 244 tribes across 29 states. The Commission's dedication to compliance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act ensures the integrity of the growing \$31.2 billion Indian gaming industry. To learn more, visit www.nigc.gov and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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