



Biography

PHOENIX REGION DIRECTOR FRANCISCO OLEA



Francisco Olea is an enrolled member of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe from the Pascua Pueblo reservation in Tucson, AZ, and serves as the Phoenix Region Director at the National Indian Gaming Commission. As Region Director, he is responsible for the technical assistance, training, and compliance at 59 Indian gaming facilities owned and operated by 49 federally recognized tribes located in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and southern Nevada.

Francisco has worked in the gaming industry since 2001, holding various supervisory and management positions with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe in both the Tribal Gaming Office and Gaming Operations. While in law school, Mr. Olea spent the summer of 2016 at the National Indian Gaming Commission's ("NIGC") Office of General Counsel in Washington, D.C. He returned to Tucson and began working with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe's Office of the Attorney General on a variety of legal and gaming issues before joining Casino Del Sol as a Special Services Manager in 2017. Most recently, he worked for the Tohono O'odham Nation as a Gaming Compliance Manager before joining NIGC.

Francisco received his Bachelor of Arts from The University of Arizona and holds several gaming industry accreditations and certifications from the University of Nevada – Las Vegas ("UNLV") International Gaming Institute, San Diego State University's Sycuan Institute of Tribal Gaming, and the National Indian Gaming Association. Mr. Olea received his Juris Doctor in 2018 from the University of Arizona's James E. Rogers College of Law.

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 \$31.2 billion Indian gaming industry. To learn more, visit www.nigc.gov and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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