



# Biography

## ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER E. SEQUOYAH SIMERMEYER



E. Sequoyah Simermeyer (Coharie) is the Associate Commissioner of the National Indian Gaming Commission. As such, he is one of three commissioners responsible for regulating and ensuring the integrity of the more than 499 Indian gaming facilities, associated with nearly 244 tribes across 28 states. Simermeyer was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior on November 2, 2015 for a three-year term.

Prior to joining the NIGC, Simermeyer advised the Chairman to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. In that capacity he helped draft legislative proposals and committee reports, prepared oversight and legislative hearing and advanced the committee's work on priority issues facing Indian country. Simermeyer also served as Deputy Chief of Staff and as counselor to the Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs.

Simermeyer's professional and academic experience has focused on government-to-government relationships that impact federal Indian policy and which empower tribal communities to provide for their people. Simermeyer was named to the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development's 40 Under 40 list in

2011 and was a 2014 nominee for the Native American Bar Association–DC Chapter Award for "Excellence in Government Service."

Simermeyer graduated with a B.A. from Dartmouth College, N.H., a Masters of Study in Environmental Law from Vermont Law School, Vt., and a J.D. from Cornell Law School, N.Y.

*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 499 gaming establishments operated by 244 tribes across 28 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](http://www.nigc.gov) and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).*

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