



Biography

ACTING DC REGION DIRECTOR SHAWNNA CASTELLANO



Shawna Castellano is a member of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Ojibwe and serves as the Acting DC Region Director. As Acting Region Director, she is responsible for technical assistance, training, and compliance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act for 43 Indian gaming facilities owned and operated by 15 federally recognized tribes in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, North Carolina, Connecticut, and New York.

Castellano joined the agency in 2011 as a Compliance Officer in the St. Paul Region Office. Prior to joining the NIGC, she was a Senior Compliance Officer 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.

Castellano has over 20 years of gaming experience and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Legal Studies from Post University in Waterbury, CT and is a Certified Fraud Examiner.

The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act created the [National Indian Gaming Commission](#) to support tribal self-sufficiency and the integrity of Indian gaming. NIGC oversees the efficient regulation of 527 gaming establishments operated by 247 tribes across 29 states.

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