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Larry Roberts Joins NIGC as General Counsel

Washington, DC July 19, 2010 —Today, Lawrence S. Roberts joins the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) as General Counsel. Mr. Roberts, a citizen of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, has fifteen years of federal Indian law experience. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School, Mr. Roberts started his legal career in the United States Department of Justice’s Honors Program. As a trial attorney, Mr. Roberts handled a variety of administrative law and federal Indian law cases including matters involving: tribal jurisdiction, regulatory authority and reservation boundaries, tribal reserved treaty rights, recovery of tribal lands and resources, and the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.



NIGC Chairwoman Stevens said “Larry brings broad experience, skills and knowledge of Indian law. We are eager to begin working with him and welcome him to the team.”

Mr. Roberts also worked in EPA’s Office of General Counsel, providing counsel on the implementation of federal environmental programs in Indian Country. Most recently, Mr. Roberts worked in private practice on federal Indian law matters, including the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, and environmental law matters, including the National Environmental Policy Act. Mr. Roberts received numerous awards during his previous federal service. He also is a former Chair of the Native American Resources Committee, American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy and Resources. He is a member of the Washington D.C. Bar and the Wisconsin Bar.

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