



## Native American

Foster Pepper takes great pride in its long history of service to Native American and Alaska Native peoples and organizations. From public service legal programs to multi-million dollar finance and infrastructure projects, we work closely with Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations to facilitate their community development and economic growth.

We offer services and guidance to our Native clients in a vast array of areas, including bond finance, real estate and construction, employment and labor, environmental and land use, business, health care, and intellectual property protection. Our approach to legal counseling and assistance is forward-thinking and comprehensive, and is designed to anticipate future requirements as the activities of our clients evolve.

Our firm deeply values our relationships with Native communities, and we recognize the importance of enhancing the opportunities and well-being of every member of the communities we serve. In addition to providing a broad range of traditional legal services, Foster Pepper offers educational programs, pro bono assistance, and legal training to our clients in the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, and nationally.

### AREAS OF FOCUS

#### Business and Tax

Foster Pepper lawyers have worked closely with Northwest Tribes in economic development activities, including drafting Tribal business codes, development planning, and other business services to Tribal governments, Tribal governmentally controlled businesses and Tribal member-owned businesses.

#### Construction

Foster Pepper has an extensive history of working with government agencies, including Tribal agencies, on construction and design issues. Our experience is broad, ranging from preparing simple construction contracts and foreclosure of liens to litigating and arbitrating multimillion dollar claims.

#### Employment and Employee Benefits

We advise Tribal, private and public sector employers in nearly every aspect of employment law and employee benefits. We highlight a risk management approach to alert our clients to potential problems and current hot issues with government regulators and auditors.

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### Public Finance

Foster Pepper has represented Native American Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations as bond counsel since 1965. We have served as bond counsel, underwriters counsel, and general and special counsel to more than 450 government agencies.

### Public Service

Foster Pepper's attorneys are dedicated to providing pro bono services to people of limited means in Native American and Alaska Native communities. Through the firm's Pro Bono Program, attorneys work directly with nonprofit organizations and local law schools on important public service initiatives and legal projects.

### REPRESENTATIVE WORK

- Acted as counsel to a tribe in obtaining a \$30 million secured term loan to finance casino development and infrastructure improvements.
- Served as bond counsel and disclosure counsel in the \$18 million financing of a new headquarters and cultural facility in Anchorage, Alaska for a federally recognized tribal organization.
- Represented a tribe in the negotiation and resolution of contract payment disputes between the tribe and contractors for a new office construction project.
- Represented a tribe in the formation of a Federal 8(a) status corporation to qualify the tribe for federal procurement contracting projects.