

## Chloe Thompson Villagomez

Of Counsel

1111 Third Avenue  
Suite 3000  
Seattle, WA 98101

T 206.447.5145  
F 206.447.9700  
chloe.villagomez@foster.com



Chloe focuses her practice on advising Native American tribes and tribal entities. She is a dedicated advocate for tribal sovereignty, tribal self-determination and tribal economic development.

Chloe represents Native American tribes and tribal entities in a broad range of governmental and business matters, including commercial transactions, business operations, governmental operations, intergovernmental relations and agreements, civil litigation, employment matters, the development of laws, regulations and policy, and more. Chloe has particular interest in tribal economic development, tribal sovereign immunity, civil jurisdiction in Indian country, employment law, tax law, gaming, liquor and cannabis regulation, recognition of tribal court judgments, and issues involving the applicability of federal and state laws in Indian country.

Chloe also advises non-tribal clients in matters including commercial transactions, employment law, general business law, construction law, liquor and cannabis regulation, civil litigation, other resolution of disputes and more.

Prior to joining Foster Garvey, Chloe served as the Tribal Attorney for the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe, Associate General Counsel for Port Madison Enterprises (an agency of the Suquamish Tribe) and in private practice with a boutique Indian law firm in the Minneapolis area. Her clients have included a number of tribal gaming operations, hotels, convenience stores

### Services

Litigation  
Commercial & IP  
Transactions  
Labor, Employment &  
Immigration  
Native American Law

### Admissions

Washington, 2011  
Minnesota, 2004  
U.S. District Court, District of  
Minnesota, 2005  
U.S. District Court, Western  
District of Washington, 2021  
U.S. Court of Appeals for  
the 9th Circuit, 2012  
Puyallup Tribal Court, 2020  
Snoqualmie Tribal Court,  
2018  
Suquamish Tribal Court,  
2010

and liquor stores, as well as a tribally owned construction company, golf course and event center.

Chloe also serves as an adjunct professor at Seattle University School of Law, where she has taught Federal Indian Law, Indian Gaming Law, and Tribal Law.

## Education

J.D., University of Minnesota Law School (*cum laude*), 2004

- *Law & Inequality: A Journal of Theory & Practice*, Managing Editor
- Indian Child Welfare Clinic

B.A., University of Oregon, Clark Honors College (with honors), 1999

## Professional Activities

Tribal In-House Counsel Association, Member, 2013-2020

Washington Department of Revenue Tribal Tax Advisory Group, Member, 2014-2019

Washington State Bar Association, Indian Law Section, Member, 2011-Present

## News

Foster Garvey Adds Strength to Native American Law Practice with Addition of Chloe Thompson Villagomez

*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 4.2.20

## Speaking Engagements

"Analyzing Recent Indian Law Decisions at SCOTUS: Is this a New Era?" - Lawline Speaking Engagement  
Virtual Event, 9.21.21

"Tribal Employment Law Challenges: Returning Employees to the Workplace"  
Webinar  
Virtual Event, 5.11.20

"Tribal Employment Law Challenges: Returning Employees to the Workplace"  
Webinar  
Virtual Event, 5.8.20

“Current Tax Issues in Indian Country,” 31st Annual Washington State Bar Association Indian Law Seminar

Speaking Engagement

Seattle, WA, 5.10.19

Contract Training

Speaking Engagement

November and December 2018

Sovereignty and Contracts

Speaking Engagement

May and November 2016

Legal Basics

Speaking Engagement

May 2016

Contract Policy

Speaking Engagement

March 2016

Tribal Employment Law

Speaking Engagement

February 2016

Tribal Governance

Speaking Engagement

October 2015

27th Annual Washington State Bar Association Indian Law Seminar

Speaking Engagement

Seattle, WA, 6.11.15

## **Publications**

"Commentary on *U.S. v. Rickert*," *Feminist Judgments: Rewritten Tax Opinions*, Bridget J.

Crawford & Anthony C. Infanti eds., Cambridge University Press 2017

*Cambridge University Press 2017*, December 2017

"Contracting Recommendations for Tribal Entities," *Indian Gaming*

*Indian Gaming*, February 2016

“The Sovereign Immunity of Tribal Officials and Employees after *Maxwell v. County of San Diego*,” *WSBA Indian Law Newsletter*  
*WSBA Indian Law Newsletter*, Spring 2013

“State Workers’ Compensation Laws: Unenforceable Against Tribal Employers Both On and Off Reservations,” *WSBA Indian Law Newsletter*  
*WSBA Indian Law Newsletter*, Winter 2011-2012

“New NLRB Rule Presents an Unwelcome Choice for Tribal Businesses,” *Indian Country Today*  
*Indian Country Today*, 10.22.11

“Exercising and Protecting Tribal Sovereignty in Day-to-Day Business Operations: What the Key Players Need to Know,” *Washburn Law Journal*, Vol. 49 No. 3, p. 661-716  
*Washburn Law Journal*, Spring 2010

“A Legacy of Public Law 280: Comparing and Contrasting Minnesota’s New Rule for the Recognition of Tribal Court Judgments with the Recent Arizona Rule,” Co-author (with Kevin Washburn), *William Mitchell Law Review*, Vol. 31 Issue 2, p. 479-526  
*William Mitchell Law Review*, January 2004