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Daniel Carter's Service to the Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission

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For Daniel Carter, service to the Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission is both civic work and something deeply personal.

Daniel, who is based in the firm's Tulsa office, has served on the commission for five years and as its Vice Chair for the past three. The commission advises the city of Tulsa and Tulsa County on issues affecting Native communities. Its work focuses on building cooperation between Native people and local government, preserving Native cultures and expanding educational opportunities.

This year, Daniel led amendments to the city ordinance governing the commission. The changes made the Muscogee (Creek), Cherokee, and Osage Nations permanent voting members, with their own delegates, rather than appointed member organizations. The amendments also strengthened the commission's role in city policymaking.

The result is a more direct path for tribal governments to participate in the decisions that affect their communities.

"As a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, I'm proud of giving tribal governments a more direct voice in the decisions that affect tribal communities," Daniel said.

Daniel's work also supports the commission's community efforts, including Tulsa's Native American Day. Held for its 10th year at Dream Keepers Park, the event brings together thousands of attendees, Native vendors, community leaders and local government representatives. On November 17, the city of Tulsa honored 11 Native Americans at the Dream Keepers Awards ceremony, recognizing their achievements as leaders strengthening the community.

He also helped form the Tulsa Native American Day Foundation Inc., an Oklahoma not-for-profit that will help plan, promote and fundraise for the event and related programs.

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