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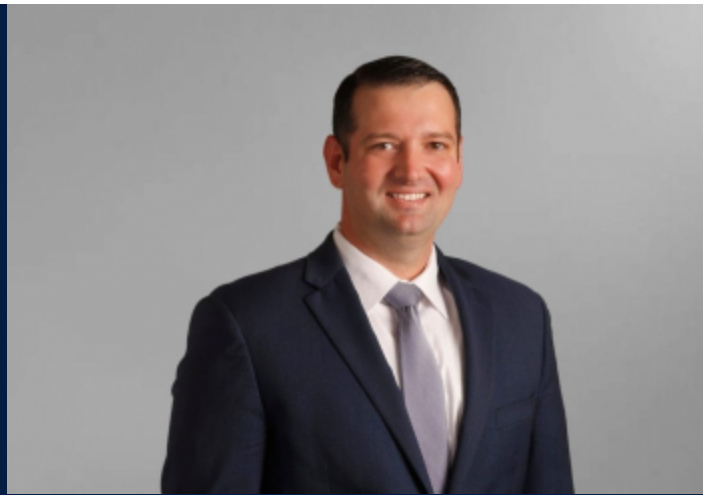

Overview

Drawing upon his deep knowledge of Native American law, including his unique insights into the federal government's relations with tribal nations, Daniel serves as a trusted advisor to his clients in a wide array of transactional and litigation matters.

Daniel focuses on advising clients in matters involving federal Indian law, Tribal law, renewable and nonrenewable energy and federal regulatory compliance. He has extensive experience in litigation matters in federal, Tribal and state courts, including cases of first impression in federal appellate and tribal supreme courts.

Daniel also represents clients in administrative appeals and alternative dispute proceedings, including service as an arbitrator.

Demonstrating his broad expertise working with tribes, Daniel has served as the Attorney General for two federally recognized Indian tribes in Oklahoma. His experience includes tribal sovereign rights, economic development, jurisdictional disputes, commercial transactions, casino financing, treaty rights, energy development, real estate and government contracting.

He previously served as counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, where he worked on landmark federal legislation, such as VAWA and the HEARTH Act, with a particular focus on natural resource development on federal and Indian lands. Daniel is recognized by Super Lawyers, Best Lawyers and Chambers USA as an outstanding attorney in his fields of practice.

Daniel grew up in Pawhuska, Oklahoma, the heart of the Osage Indian Reservation, and is an enrolled member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, a federally recognized Indian Tribe. Outside of work, Daniel is an active leader in the community. He serves as Vice Chair of the Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission, which is a group of Native American community leaders appointed to advance Native

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American culture, services and relations within the Tulsa community.

Areas of Focus

- Litigation
- Appellate Services
- Environmental Litigation
- Tribal Governments & Enterprises

Admissions

- Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court
- Cherokee Nation Tribal Court
- Kaw Nation Tribal Court
- Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Court
- Quapaw Nation Tribal Court
- Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Court

Education

- J.D., University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, 2011
- B.S., Oklahoma State University (*summa cum laude*), 2008
  - Business Administration
  - Economics and Legal Studies

Honors & Recognitions

- *Chambers USA* (Nationwide), Leading Individual, Native American Law, 2026; Leading Individual (Oklahoma), Native American Law, 2021-present
- *The Best Lawyers in America®*
  - Native American Law, 2026
  - Appellate Practice, Litigation - Environmental, 2025-present
- *Best Lawyers*: Ones to Watch, 2020-2024
- *Oklahoma Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2019-present
- UCLA Law, Native Nations Law & Policy Center, Alumnus of the Year, 2024

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Professional Activities

- American Bar Association, Member
- Federal Bar Association, Indian Law Section, Member
- Tulsa County Bar Association, Member

Community Activities

- Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission, Vice Chair

Experience

Tribal Governmental Representation

- Indian Treaty and Sovereignty Rights
- Tribal Trust Land Acquisitions and Disputes
- Intergovernmental Agreements and Compacts
- Internal Tribal Governmental Affairs
- Breach-of-Trust Litigation
- Tribal Code Drafting
- Tort Defense
- Native American Cultural Properties and Religious Freedoms

Indian Country Business Representation

- Indian Gaming
- Native American Business and Casino Financing
- Bureau of Indian Affairs Transactions and Appeals
- Native American Lending Enterprises
- Governmental Contracting and 8(a) Certifications
- Tribal Sovereign Immunity
- Construction Agreements and Disputes
- Business Formation and Acquisitions

Renewable and Nonrenewable Energy

- Federal and Indian Mineral Leases
- Wind and Solar Energy Transactions
- Rights-of-Way Across Federal and Indian Lands
- Federal Regulatory and Permitting Requirements
- Environmental Matters and Regulatory Compliance

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- Native American and Tribal Consultation

News & Insights

News

71 Foster Garvey Attorneys Selected to the 2027 Best Lawyers® Lists; Six Named 'Lawyer of the Year'

08.20.26

Foster Garvey Recognized Among Nation's Top Firms in 2026 Chambers USA Guide: 34 Attorneys and 15 Practices Ranked

06.04.26

71 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among the 2026 Best Lawyers in America; Paul Trinchero Named 'Lawyer of the Year'

08.21.25

Foster Garvey Recognized Among Nation's Top Firms in 2025 Chambers USA Guide; 26 Attorneys and 13 Practices Ranked

06.05.25

R. Daniel Carter Named to 2024 Oklahoma Super Lawyers List

10.22.24

65 Foster Garvey Attorneys Selected to The Best Lawyers in America® 2025, Three Named 'Lawyer of the Year'

08.15.24

R. Daniel Carter and Benjamin Hodges Quoted in Law360's 'Washington Cases to Watch 2024: A Midyear Report'

07.30.24

R. Daniel Carter Elected as Vice Chair of the Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission

03.13.24

Celebrating R. Daniel Carter: UCLA Native Nations Law & Policy Center's 2024 Alumnus of the Year

03.13.24

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Foster Garvey Announces Opening of Tulsa Office

01.31.24

Foster Garvey Welcomes R. Daniel Carter as Principal in the Firm's Tribal Government Practice

09.07.23

Events

"Trust Responsibilities: McGirt and Tribal Relations in Oklahoma," 2025 Tulsa Law Review Symposium

03.28.25

"Practical Considerations for Operating on Indian Lands," Special Institute on Natural Resource and Energy Development in Indian Country

11.02.23

Legal Alerts

Patent Office Raises IP Questions for Tribes

11.29.23

Publications

"Osage County Oil Industry Faces Uncertainty as BIA Office Slated for Closure," KTUL ABC 8

03.14.25

Mugshots in Oklahoma: Stigmatizing Native American Individuals and Communities

03.13.25

"Tribes Make 'Some Progress' in Talks with Congress, Trump Administration," Public Radio Tulsa

03.10.25

Unlocking the Legal Landscape for Energy Production in Indian Country: Understanding Important Reporting, Notice, and Approval Requirements for Oil and Gas Production on Indian Lands

07.05.24

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