



Biography

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Rea Cisneros (Anishinaabe) currently serves as an Associate General Counsel within the Office of General Counsel at the National Indian Gaming Commission, an independent federal regulatory agency. In her capacity as Associate General Counsel, Rea assists the General Counsel in managing and directing attorneys, supporting personnel within the Office of the General Counsel and reviewing attorney work in the provision of legal services, counsel and advice to the Agency.

Rea joined the NIGC as a Staff Attorney in 2014 and formerly served as the Phoenix Region Attorney. Rea was promoted to Associate General Counsel in 2019. Prior to joining NIGC, Rea was an Associate Attorney at a boutique Indian law firm, which provided executive and legislative representation to tribes, specializing in tribal constitutions and governing agreements.

In 2004, Rea received a Bachelor of Science degree in political science, from Barnard College, Columbia University located in New York City, New York. In 2011, Rea received her Juris Doctor from the University of Wisconsin Law School located in Madison, Wisconsin where she served as the President of the Indigenous Laws Students Association.

The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act created the [National Indian Gaming Commission](#) to support tribal self-sufficiency and the integrity of Indian gaming. NIGC oversees the efficient regulation of 524 gaming establishments operated by 248 tribes across 29 states.

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