

## NEOSHIA R. ROEMER

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### EDUCATION

**University of New Mexico School of Law**, Albuquerque, N.M.

*Juris Doctor with Law & Indigenous Peoples Certificate*, May 2017

Honors: *Cum Laude*

Honors in Clinic

Activities: *Tribal Law Journal* Staff Member

Williams Institute Moot Court, 2015-2016

Association of Public Interest Law, President, 1L Representative

**University of New Mexico**, Albuquerque, N.M.

*Master of Arts*, Latin American Studies, May 2017

Concentrations: History and human rights

**Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis**, Indianapolis, I.N.

*Bachelor of Arts*, History and International Studies, May 2013

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

**New Mexico State Bar**, admitted October 2017, Indian Law Section Board Member (January 2018-December 2019)

**American Bar Association**, admitted October 2017, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Published

*The Violence against Women Act of 2018: A Step in the Right Direction for Indian Children and Federal Indian Law*, 66 APR FED. LAW. 52 (2019).

*Finding Harmony or Swimming in the Void: The Unavoidable Conflict Between the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children and the Indian Child Welfare Act*, 94 N.D. L. REV. 101 (2019).

#### Working Papers

*Child Welfare Law after ICWA*

*ICWA & The Development of Child Welfare Law*

*“The Only Family They Had Ever Known”*: *Perverse Incentives in Fighting the Indian Child Welfare Act* (co-author)

*Procedural Justice in Child Welfare Law*

### **Invited Submissions**

*Procedure and Indian Children*, in *CRITICAL GUIDE TO CIVIL PROCEDURE* (Forthcoming)

### **Co-Authored Amicus Curiae**

Brief of Amicus Curiae Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, *In re Williams*, 915 N.W.2d 328 (Mich. 2018) (No. 155994), 2018 WL 655927.

## **RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC INTERESTS**

Indian Law  
Children’s Rights  
Juvenile Defense  
Child Welfare

Indian Child Welfare Act  
Intimate Partner Violence  
Disability Rights  
Appellate Litigation

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

**Noojimo’iwewin: A VAWA and ICWA Training**, Brimley, M.I.

*Presenter & Organizer*, August 2021

**Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault for Tribal Law Enforcement Officers**, Brimley, M.I.

*Organizer*, August 2021

**Pathway to Law Initiative**, Virtual.

*Presenter & Organizer*, June-July 2021

**Passamaquoddy Indian Township VAWA Training**, Virtual.

*Presenter & Organizer*, May 2021

Presented on “Understanding Domestic Violence and Child Abuse,” highlighting the differences and intersections between these issues and discussing common issues in litigating child custody cases involving domestic violence.

**Indian Child Welfare Act: History and Purpose, Current Application, and Future Implications**, Virtual.

*Presenter*, April 2021

Discussed current case law on ICWA, discussed ongoing ICWA advocacy, and discussed the future of ICWA.

**Noojimo’iwewin: A VAWA and ICWA Training, Virtual.**

*Presenter & Organizer, August 2020*

Presented during “Balancing Victim’s Rights and Children’s Needs in Domestic Violence Cases” panel on considerations for children whose parent(s) is/are involved in domestic violence proceedings.

**Pathway to Law Initiative, Virtual.**

*Presenter & Organizer, June-July 2020*

Discussed timelines for successful admission to law school. Mentored Native American students planning to apply to law school.

**Michigan Indian Education Native American Critical Issues Conference, Allendale, M.I.**

*Presenter, March 2020*

Presented on the need for Native American attorneys in the field of law and how to begin early preparation/ identification of students.

**Pre-Law Advisors Conference, Albuquerque, N.M.**

*Presenter, February 2020*

Discussed careers available to Native American students who attend law school and how pre-law advisors can facilitate the application process for Native students.

**State Bar of New Mexico Indian Law Section Annual CLE, Albuquerque, N.M.**

*Presenter, November 2019*

Provided the 2019 federal ICWA case law update.

**Tribal In-House Counsel Association, East Lansing, M.I.**

*Panelist, October 2019*

Presented on the need for Native American students in law school and how law schools can recruit and retain Native students, satisfying the Minnesota CLE elimination of bias requirement.

**Understanding & Combating Domestic Violence in Indian Country, Columbia, S.C.**

*Presenter, August 2019*

Presented during the “Intersection of Domestic Violence and Child Custody” portion of the program, describing how ICWA applies in cases where domestic violence is present at a Power Act Conference hosted by the University of South Carolina School of Law.

**Noojimo’iwewin: A VAWA and ICWA Training, Brimley, M.I.**

*Presenter & Organizer, August 2019*

Presented during “The Intersection of Domestic Violence and Child Abuse, Neglect, and Juvenile Justice” panel on family-centered approaches to cases involving domestic violence.

**Pathway to Law Initiative, Berkeley, C.A.**

*Presenter & Organizer, June 2019*

Discussed law school success techniques for Native American students coming from non-traditional law student backgrounds. Mentored Native American students planning to apply to law school.

**Michigan Indian Education Native American Critical Issues Conference**, Traverse City, M.I.  
*Presenter*, March 2019

Presented on the need for Native American attorneys in the field of law and how to begin early preparation/ identification of students.

**Pre-Law Advisors Conference**, Albuquerque, N.M.  
*Presenter*, February 2019

Discussed careers available to Native American students who attend law school and how pre-law advisors can facilitate the application process for Native students.

**State Bar of New Mexico Indian Law Section Annual CLE**, Albuquerque, N.M.  
*Presenter*, December 2018

Provided case law update for 2018 including relevant Indian Law cases.

**Pathway to Law Initiative**, Tempe, A.Z.  
*Presenter & Organizer*, August 2018

Discuss law school success techniques for Native American students coming from non-traditional law student backgrounds at the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law. Mentored Native American students planning to apply to law school.

### **RELEVANT TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE**

**Indigenous Law and Policy Center**, East Lansing, M.I.

*Fellow*, August 2017-July 2019

*Staff Attorney*, August 2019-July 2021

Teach and supervise students in the Indian Law Clinic on legal writing projects in areas such as child welfare and natural resource law. Coordinate the Indigenous Law and Policy Center's Student Success Program where I provide significant feedback on how to write law school essays, prepare for classes, and mentorship for Native American students. Supervise students and draft legal memoranda and appellate briefs on various topics in Indian Law, including the Indian Child Welfare Act and environmental law. Conduct individual research on the Indian Child Welfare Act and children's rights. Coordinate student symposiums. Co-coach the National Native American Law Student Association Moot Court team.

**Pre-Law Summer Institute**, Albuquerque, N.M.

*Faculty*, Summer 2021

Create and teach advocacy course for Native American students enrolled in this intensive pre-law summer program hosted by the American Indian Law Center.

**Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College**, Mount Pleasant, M.I.

*Adjunct Faculty*, August 2018-Present

Teach Native American Children and Child Welfare in Fall 2019. Taught Violence against Women in Native American Communities, including criminal and civil remedies and child welfare matters, in Fall 2018.

**American Indian Law Center**, Albuquerque, N.M.

*Bar Prep Coach*, Summer 2019

Mentor recent law school graduates preparing for the bar exam.

**Pathway to Law Initiative**, Tempe, A.Z.

*Staff*, August 2018-Present

Coordinated and administered programming for pre-law Native American students that included information on the application process, timelines, and school selection. Provided continued mentorship in reviewing participant application materials. Work as a staff member during the annual Pipeline to Law program.

**OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

**The Whitener Group**, Olympia, W.A.

*Associate Consultant*, March 2019-Present

Coordinate speakers and prepare event logistics for trainings supported by the Office of Tribal Justice's Tribal Justice Support funding to provide prevention and intervention services under the federal Violence Against Women Act. Provide training at legal conferences. Draft tribal legal codes and bench books.

**Southwest Indian Law Clinic**, Albuquerque, N.M.

*Student Attorney*, August 2016-May 2017

Drafted and submitted legal pleadings, including briefs, motions, and responses, in both civil litigation and criminal matters. Appeared in court on behalf of Native American clients in both state and tribal court proceedings. Managed client files, including client correspondence. Managed legal team and case theory in a complex child custody case.

**Rothstein Donatelli LLP**, Albuquerque, N.M.

*Law Clerk*, May 2016-November 2016

Drafted sentencing memoranda and responses for criminal cases in federal, state and tribal court. Drafted legal memoranda and litigation correspondence for civil litigation in federal and state court.

**United States Attorney's Office, District of New Mexico**, Albuquerque, N.M.

*Volunteer Intern*, Indian Country Crimes Section, August 2015-December 2015

Drafted advisory memoranda on arson, criminal sexual penetration, child pornography, fraud, and the Fourth Amendment in Indian Country. Drafted prosecution memoranda and indictment pleadings. Drafted and reviewed motions filed in Federal District Court on criminal matters.

**New Mexico Supreme Court**, Santa Fe, N.M.

*Judicial Extern*, Chambers of Chief Justice Barbara Vigil, May 2015-July 2015

Compiled misdemeanor statutes relating to the Crime Victims Reparations Act. Drafted memoranda on constitutional and criminal issues, including sufficiency of the evidence and other issues. Attended and provided feedback in weekly law clerk meetings.

## SERVICE

### **Idaho State-Tribal Court Forum, Virtual.**

*Participant*, April 2021-present.

Work with a group of state and tribal legal and social service advocates to develop strategies for providing services to victims of domestic violence.

### **Partnership for Native Children, East Lansing, M.I.**

*Social Media Coordinator*, October 2018-Present

Administer social media for the Partnership for Native Children, a national non-profit organization aimed at providing positive media and press coverage on matters involving the Indian Child Welfare Act.

### **Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing, M.I.**

*Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Member*, August 2017-June 2021.

Developed and implement solutions to diversity and inclusion concerns at the law college.

### **Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing, M.I.**

*Admissions File Reviewer*, August 2019-June 2021.

Reviewed admissions files and advocate for student admissions.

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### **State Bar of New Mexico, Albuquerque, N.M.**

*Indian Law Section Board Member*, January 2018-December 2019

Served on the Continuing Legal Education and Media Sub-Committees. Chaired the Media Sub-Committee (2019). Focused on promoting and supporting the field of Indian Law in New Mexico.

### **Exploring Careers in the Law, Lansing, M.I.**

*Faculty*, July 2019

Volunteered as a faculty member at the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center's moot court program for high school students.

### **New Mexico Immigrant Law Center, Albuquerque, N.M.**

*Volunteer*, Intermittent (2013-2017)

Worked at legal fairs and provided Spanish-speaking individuals with assistance in filling out their USCIS application forms.

### **Enlace Comunitario, Albuquerque, N.M.**

*Volunteer*, January 2014-January 2015

Worked in the Legal Department, helping with client intake and mailing documents.