

**STATEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
FOR
BARBARA KARSHMER, ATTORNEY AT LAW
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Education:

B.A., University of California, Berkeley, 1970
Juris Doctor, University of California at Los Angeles, 1973

Credentials:

Licensed to practice before the State Bar of California, all Federal District Courts in California, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Professional Experience and Accomplishments:

- Ms. Karshmer has specialized in Federal Indian Law since 1975 when she was a staff attorney and then directing attorney with California Indian Legal Services.
- Since 1978, Ms. Karshmer has been in private practice representing Indian Tribes and Tribal Organizations throughout the United States. Representative clients include the Navajo Nation, Morongo Band of Mission Indians and other tribes in California, the Ketchikan Tribe and other Tribal Organizations in Alaska, etc.
- From 1984 to 2003, Ms. Karshmer served managing partner of Alexander & Karshmer with offices in Berkeley, California and Washington, D.C.
- From 2003-2010, Ms. Karshmer served as the principal of Karshmer & Associates in Berkeley, California.
- From November 2010 to the present, Ms. Karshmer continues to practice as a sole practitioner representing many of the same clients she has worked for over the last 30 years.

Representative Litigation:

- *California v. Cabazon and Morongo Bands of Mission Indians*. Represented the Morongo Band of Mission Indians in the landmark lawsuit in which the U.S. Supreme Court held that tribes could carry on gaming free from state regulation in California which cleared the way for tribal gaming nation-wide.

- ***Cook Inlet Treaty Tribes v. Shalala***. Represented Alaska Native Corporation in lawsuit in which the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit upheld the right of Alaska Native Corporations to contract under the Indian Self-Determination Act.
- ***Rincon Band of Mission Indians v. Harris***. Through this class action brought on behalf of all California Indians, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit required the United States to provide the same health care for Indian in California as the rest of the United States, finding that the system used by the Government to distribute funding nationwide was illegal in that it discriminated against California Indians.

Representative Legislative Accomplishments:

- At the request of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Ms. Karshmer served as one of three drafters of major 1994 Amendments to the Indian Self-Determination Act, the regulations promulgated thereto, the Manual for The Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service employees to implement the Indian Self-Determination Act; the Self-Governance Act and its implementing regulations, etc.
- Ms. Karshmer, working with tribes nationwide, prepared several titles of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, enacted in 2010.
- At the outset of gaming on Indian Reservations, Ms. Karshmer was involved in drafting portions of the Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Other Professional Work:

Ms. Karshmer's career, since 1975, has been entirely devoted to representing Indian tribes and tribal organizations. Her emphasis has been tribal self-government, economic development, Indian Self-Determination Act contracting and compacting, Indian health law, Indian water law, employment law, and general business law issues. Throughout her career she has provided training on Indian law, health care compliance, the Indian Self-Determination Act, and related subjects.