



R. Trent Shores

Former U.S. Attorney Trent Shores is a Shareholder at GableGotwals, where he advises clients regarding complex litigation, Native American law and policy, cybersecurity, and high-stakes government and corporate investigations. He represents clients in state, federal, and tribal courts at all stages in the litigation process, including at trial and on appeal. Trent was recently named a Tribal Supreme Court Justice for the Kaw Nation and a U.S. Global Leadership Coalition's Oklahoma Advisory Committee member.

Prior to joining the Firm, Trent spent 18 years in public service at the United States Department of Justice, most recently as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma. Trent was nationally recognized for his efforts to develop and implement strategic responses to Native American policy, violent crime, the opioid epidemic, economic espionage, and trade secret theft. His work has been featured in national media outlets, including the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Real Clear Politics*, and the *Associated Press*.

As the chief federal law enforcement officer in Northern Oklahoma, he was responsible for all federal criminal prosecutions and civil litigation in his district, an area covering eleven counties with a total population of more than one million people, including 13 federally recognized Native American tribes. Trent, a Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma citizen, served as Chair of the Native American Issues Subcommittee responsible for developing and guiding national policy for Indian Country justice and related matters. In that capacity, he established a national initiative to address the crisis of missing and murdered indigenous persons and led a presidential task force investigating the Indian Health Service. He also served on the Attorney General's Advisory Committee, where he represented all U.S. Attorneys in the Tenth Circuit and provided counsel and advice on national policy matters and the operations of the Justice Department.

Throughout his career, including during his tenure as U.S. Attorney, Trent personally tried complex cases in federal district court and argued before the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. He has also testified before the United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and the United States Sentencing Commission.

As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Trent served as a National Security Cyber Specialist. He worked closely with the Joint Terrorism Task Force to investigate and prosecute cybercrime linked to international organized crime, white-collar conspiracies, and domestic terrorism. He also previously worked as the Tribal Liaison for the U.S. Attorney's Office, ensuring the Justice Department upheld its federal trust responsibility to federally recognized tribes and leading investigations into public corruption, embezzlement from tribal gaming operations, and various violent crime violations. Trent represented the United States at the United Nations and the Organization of American States, arguing for the recognition of basic human rights for indigenous peoples worldwide.



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SERVICES

- Litigation (State & Federal)
- Native American and Gaming Law
- Government Relations
- White Collar Criminal Defense & Corporate Investigations
- Cybersecurity & Data Privacy
- Administrative & Regulatory
- False Claims Act

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Oklahoma College of Law, *Dean's Honor Roll*
- B.A., Vanderbilt University

ADMISSIONS

- Oklahoma
- U.S. District Courts for the Western, Northern, and Eastern Districts of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern and Western District of Arkansas
- U.S. District Court for the Northern, Southern, and Western District of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Supreme Court Justice, Kaw Nation
- Oklahoma Bar Association, Indian Law Section
- Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Kaw, Muscogee, and Osage Nation Bar Associations
- U.S. Global Leadership Coalition, Oklahoma Advisory Committee
- Federalist Society
- National Association of Former United States Attorneys
- Child Abuse Network Board
- Committee of One Hundred Board
- Leadership Tulsa
- Tulsa County Bar Association
- Tulsa Police Foundation Board

RECOGNITION HIGHLIGHTS

- **Best Lawyers in America**, 2024 - 2026
Commercial Litigation, Native American Law
- **The Power List: Native American Leaders in Business**, 2022
The Journal Record
- **Benchmark Litigation**, 2026
Litigation Star
- **Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher Diversity Award**, 2021
Oklahoma Bar Association
- **Men of Distinction**, 2015
Tulsa Business and Legal News
- **Attorney of the Year**, 2014
United States Attorney's Office
- **Chambers USA**, 2024-2026
Oklahoma Ranked Individual-Native American Law (Band 2)
- **Super Lawyers**, 2025
Business Litigation, Native American Law, Administrative Law