

EXPERIENCE

- Oct 2001 to Present
Law Office of Lisa L. Atkinson, PLLC. Edmonds, Washington. Attorney: wills, trusts, estate & probate practice; Judge Pro Tem and Appellate Justice for the Northwest Intertribal Court System (NICS); tribal gaming; former attorney for Skokomish and Tulalip Gaming Commission/Agencies; Pro Tem for Squaxin Island & Suquamish Tribes; Tribal Attorney for Quileute & Hoh Tribes; Prosecutor/Presenting Officer for Stillaguamish Tribe.
- April 2002 to April 2003
Northwest Intertribal Court System, Mountlake Terrace, Washington. Prosecutor: prosecuted for five western Washington tribes; presented motions, pleadings, orders for criminal and civil matters; criminal and (limited) civil litigation; Indian Child Welfare proceedings in Tribal and State court.
- Nov 2000 to August 2001
Holland & Knight, LLP, Seattle, Washington. Contract Consultant: Drafted tribal ordinances, regulations, procedures relating to regulatory compliance; researched, reviewed, and advised tribal clients on application of federal and state statutes including labor and employment laws, environmental regulations, the Single Audit Act, and national origin/race discrimination laws; assisted in drafting and editing gaming employee handbook; reviewed and revised gaming construction and partnership contracts; analyzed economic development proposals.
- Aug 1999 to Nov 2000
National Indian Gaming Commission, Washington, D.C. Office of General Counsel: Reviewed tribal ordinances and contracts for compliance with applicable federal regulations; wrote proposed agency Debt Collection regulations; revised Model Tribal Gaming Ordinance; processed and responded to Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act requests; performed extensive research and wrote environmental assessments involving Indian lands determinations; wrote federal procurement contracts for civil contract employees; wrote notices of violation and subpoenas for regulatory violations; compiled, reviewed, indexed documents for production pursuant to subpoena from the Inspector General of the Department of Interior.
- Sept 1998 to June 1999
Northwest Justice Project, Seattle, Washington. Clinic Participant: Assisted low-income tribal clients with housing and environmental issues; participated in child-custody proceeding in tribal court, took depositions in child custody matter; participated in settlement conference regarding child custody issue.
- Summer 1998
Native American Rights Fund, Boulder, Colorado. Law Clerk: Provided research used in United States Supreme Court amicus brief regarding taxation of construction project; researched evidentiary issues for fund accountability case; prepared section-by-section analysis of tribal water, garbage and sewer codes; researched intellectual property rights for tribal stories and songs; performed extensive Indian Child Welfare Act research.
- Summer 1997
Stoel Rives, LLP, Seattle, Washington. Summer Associate: Researched and wrote memoranda on legal issues for the corporate, tribal, and environmental law practice groups, including issues on Blue Sky Laws, federal tribal recognition processes, and Comprehensive brief memo on Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation Liability Act; developed reference materials on labor statutes for attorneys and clients; Performed pro bono work for low-income clients and non-profit organizations; wrote, with Partner, law review article on Uniform Commercial Code cases involving agricultural law.

- Summer 1996 **National Weather Service, Silver Spring, Maryland.** Policy Analyst Intern: Researched depletion of native salmon stocks and hydroelectric policies in the Columbia River Basin, and the resulting effects on tribal communities.
- Summer 1995 **National Marine Fisheries Service, Silver Spring, Maryland.** International Affairs Intern: Drafted preliminary agency report on tribal request for gray whale harvest; researched environmental aspects of proposed harvest on gray whale and other marine mammal populations.