



Berkey Williams LLP is delighted to announce that Dillon Dobson, a member of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe, is the Firm's 2022-2023 Indian Law Fellow. Dillon earned his BA in *Community Organizing and Indigenous Realities* from the University of Redlands. Dillon was a Vine Deloria Jr. Fellow at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, where he received his JD with a certificate in Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy. As a student, Dillon served as the Vice-President and President of the Native American Law Students Association and as a Managing Editor of the Arizona Journal of Environmental Law and Policy (AJELP).



Dillon's passion for tribal energy, cultural sovereignty, and decentralized technologies inspired him to publish his first article with AJELP, [*Sustainable Red Power: Tribal Energy Sovereignty and the Way Forward*](#). Dillon also directly supported the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNSRIP)—Francisco Calí Tzay. He co-authored the UNSRRIP's annual thematic report to the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly—*Protected Areas and Indigenous Peoples' Rights*—and drafted a Communication on behalf of the Mandate.

Dillon's scholarly achievements and service to Indigenous Peoples were recognized when he received his JD with honors, including the UA Native American Student Affairs' *Outstanding Native Graduate Academic & Service Award* and the UA Law Dean's *Achievement Award*. Dillon's current research focuses on Indigenous Data Sovereignty, Web 3, and decentralized technologies.

Before law school, Dillon worked in Pomo and Wailaki Country as the Director of the United Native Housing Development Corporation (UNHDC) and the Cahto Tribe's Housing Director. While at UNHDC and Cahto, Dillon drafted and refined Indian and state housing policies and regulations. Dillon was part of a successful coalition effort to secure tribal access to millions in annual affordable housing development funds from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). He worked closely with tribal housing leaders, rural housing developers, and HCD to establish tribal set-asides in the HOME, Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), and Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) programs.

Dillon is a husband, a father of two, and a lover of the beautiful game.