



BERKEY WILLIAMS LLP is pleased to announce the hiring of Michele Fahley.

Ms. Fahley brings 20 years of Indian law experience to the firm. Her practice is dedicated to the preservation of tribal sovereignty, including cultural and natural resources, NAGPRA, NEPA, NHPA, ICWA, tribal court development, code drafting and representing Tribes in the CEQA process.

Ms. Fahley began her career in 2004 as a staff attorney in the Escondido Office of California Indian Legal Services.



In August 2009, Michele transitioned to an in-house position with the Pechanga Band of Indians, where she served as Deputy General Counsel for 13 years representing a variety of tribal government entities and departments on a wide range of issues.

Michele, who joins the Firm as a Senior Associate, was recently appointed Tribal Judge for the Pala Band of Mission Indians Tribal Court, and also serves as a part time lecturer at San Diego State University. Michele graduated from UCLA School of Law in 2003 and received a master's degree in American Indian Studies in 2004. She received her undergraduate degree in Anthropology, with a Minor in American Studies, from the University of Washington in 1998.