

# RICK DANE MOORE

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## EDUCATION

*University of Oklahoma College of Law, J.D.*

- Note Editor, *American Indian Law Review*.

*University of Oklahoma, B.A. in Letters.*

- Editor, *Poetry Magazine*.

*United States Army, Special Forces Graduation Certificates:*

- Medical Course
- Communications Course
- Underwater Operations School
- Military Freefall School
- NATO Officers Winter Warfare Course
- Pathfinder School
- Airborne School
- Northern Warfare Training Course
- Special Weapons School

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- Oklahoma Bar Association (all Oklahoma state courts)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma (Muskogee)
- United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma (Oklahoma City)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (Denver)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (Washington, D.C.)
- United States Court of Claims (Washington, D.C.)
- Oklahoma Indian Bar Association
- Numerous tribal courts, including the Sac and Fox, Pottawottamie, Absentee Shawnee, and Court of Indian Offenses.

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

1987 to present ***Rick Dane Moore and Associates Law Firm*** (and predecessor law firms)

- Management of general law practice. Areas of practice:
  - Medical malpractice
  - Personal injury
  - Wills, estates, and trusts
  - Will contests
  - Contract and other business disputes
  - Environmental law
  - Natural resources law
  - Toxic exposure torts
  - Native American rights
  - Corporate development
  - Criminal law
  - Family law
- Experienced in trial and appellate litigation and alternative dispute resolution.
- Acted as General Counsel or consultant to corporations and tribal development entities, with special expertise in start-up operations, crisis situations, and turn-around work.
- Special emphasis in environmental law practice, 1987-1999:
  - Represented injured persons who were exposed to chemicals before administrative tribunals, worker's compensation courts, and other state and federal courts.
  - Investigated the source and causation of injury by working with and coordinating toxicologists, neurologists, nuclear medicine specialists, economists, psychiatrists, petroleum engineers, hydrogeologists, soil flow physicists, chemists, and chemical engineers.

1987-2003 ***Federal Public Defender's Indigent Defense Panel*** (appointed by the *United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma*).

- Represent indigent criminals charged primarily with drug offenses in conspiracy cases.
- Cases involved close analysis of voluminous government documents in discovery procedures.
- Interviewed and cross-examined D.E.A. and F.B.I. agents in a variety of informal and courtroom settings to scrutinize law enforcement techniques under constitutional standards.
- Learned U.S. government drug interdiction methods in domestic

settings as related to L.S.D., marijuana, P.C.P., cocaine, and methamphetamine.

- Worked with probation officers, criminal defendants, judges, laboratory technicians, and prosecutors to effectively litigate in a highly technical environment.

1997-1998

***Moore and Phelps, L.L.C.***

- Managing partner and majority shareholder of full-service law firm with law offices in Oklahoma City, Norman, Chickasha, and Ardmore.

1985-1987

***Oklahoma County Public Defender's Office, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.***

- Assistant Public Defender: criminal appellate and trial practice.
- Evaluated the conduct of state law enforcement personnel and prosecutors and their practices relating to constitutional and statutory requirements.
- Worked with various criminal investigation technologies and forensics, including microscopy, DNA, and gas chromatography.
- Research, writing, negotiating, and oral advocacy extensively required.

1985-1987

***Pipstem and Rice Law Firm, Norman, Oklahoma.***

- Contract lawyer practicing Native American Indian law, trial litigation, appellate briefing, oil and gas law, tribal taxation.
- Practiced in Sac and Fox Court as prosecutor.

1986-1987

***Justice Marion Opala, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Oklahoma.***

- Research assistant: researched and drafted opinions.

1986

***Dr. Joseph Rarick, University of Oklahoma, College of Law***

- Research assistant: edited treatise in Indian Land Law.

## **INDIAN COUNTRY (NATIVE AMERICAN) LEGAL ACTIVITIES**

1992,  
2008,  
2009

**Oklahoma Sovereignty Symposium.**

- Lecturer.

1991-1993

**Caddo Tribe of Oklahoma, General Counsel.**

- Helped revise Tribal Constitution.
- Acted as legal counsel pertaining to all tribal activities, including economic development, personnel policies, legislative enactments, environment, lobbying, gaming, fish and wildlife, oil and gas, election commission, taxation and other areas.
- Particular emphasis on organizational development,

intergovernmental resource allocation, infrastructure, and mediation of conflicts in a board setting.

- Acted as negotiator and liaison between tribal government and state or federal governments in relation to gaming activities.
- Coordinated activities with U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of the Interior.
- Insured compliance with various congressional acts and agency regulations.
- Acted as liaison and negotiator between tribal government and the United States Office of Nuclear Waste Negotiations.
- Coordinated Monitored Retrievable Storage (MRS) feasibility application for funding.

1991-92 **Apache Tribe of Oklahoma, Apache Development Authority, General Counsel.**

- Worked in tribal self-government activities, including the establishment of a tribal court, comprehensive environmental protection ordinances, economic development, and taxation.
- Started up organization to act as business incubator for government to promote tax base.
- Negotiated contracts and disputes with United States agencies.
- Established an infrastructure for hazardous waste facility using state of the art technologies in accordance with U.S. EPA regulations.
- Dictated project compliance with various complex and conflicting laws in a highly technical environment.
- Drafted and oversaw performance of project contracts.

1989-1992 **American Indian Agriculture Cooperative, General Counsel.**

- Established not-for-profit corporation with the purpose of stimulating farming and ranching operations by Native Americans.

1991 **Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Governor's Office, and Absentee Shawnee Police Department, Appointed Attorney General.**

- Conducted tribal litigation, supervised legal function of Governor's Office, advised Governor and Police Department.

1989-1990 **Wichita and Affiliated Tribes, Tribal Attorney.**

- Trial court and appellate court practice, organizational oversight pertaining to employee policies and procedures, and administration of government department conflicts.

1988 **Consultant, U.S. Senate Select Committee for Indian Affairs.**

- Consulted on oil and gas issues.

1988 **Special Prosecutor, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Court of Indian Offenses.**

- Criminal prosecutions.

## **UNITED STATES MILITARY EXPERIENCE**

1977-1980 **U.S. Army Special Forces, Fort Devens, Massachusetts.**

- Company A, 2nd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group Airborne.

- Supervised medical, communications and cryptographic requirements.
- Performed in a nuclear-duty position, practiced high altitude low opening (HALO) infiltration methods.
- Instructed Norwegian and Danish special forces units in medical, communications, and demolition techniques, as well as clandestine, covert, and espionage activities.

- 1975-1977      **U.S. Army Special Forces Reserves, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.**
- Company A, 2nd Battalion, 12th Special Forces Group Airborne.
  - Developed and instituted a plan of instruction to transfer Special Forces skills to civilian special weapons assault teams (SWAT), including infiltration techniques, tactics, field communications and counter-terrorist activities.
  - Worked cooperatively with civilian law enforcement agencies to determine their abilities and need for modification of their tactical infrastructures.

- 1972-1975      **U.S. Army 7th Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.**
- Medic on underwater operations teams.

## **NON-LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

- 1984-1985      **Eclectic Adventures.**
- Sole proprietor of company that offered training in mountaineering, skydiving, scuba diving, and sailing.
  - Drafted and negotiated contracts, supervised independent contractors, prepared instructional materials, obtained permits from local, state, and federal governments, engaged in marketing and public relations.

- 1983-1984      **American General Insurance Company of Oklahoma.**
- Agent: managed and designed annuity, health, and life insurance programs for individuals and businesses.

- 1981-1982      **Smart Drilling Company, Well Tech, Inc., and Saber Drilling Co., Oklahoma City.**
- Assisted with and conducted varied aspects of oil and gas technology operations.
  - Managed personnel and compiled and reported data pertaining to drilling operations.

- 1975-1976      **Hicks Department Store, Chickasha, Oklahoma.**
- Retail store manager

- Supervised personnel, promoted sales, and managed financial accounts.

1971-1972      **Ansata Arabian Horse Ranch.**

- Groomed, fed, trained horses, and assisted a veterinarian.

## **FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

- German
- Norwegian

## **HONORS AND ACTIVITIES**

2007-2009    Buddha Mind Monastery, Executive Committee  
 2001-2003    Oklahoma Renewable Energy Council, Board of Directors and Secretary-Treasurer  
 1996-1998    Yoga Instructor, YMCA  
 1990-1995    Columnist, *Double Think* Magazine  
 1989          Cross Timbers, Inc. (nonprofit), President  
 1989          Renegade Shakespeare Theater, Board of Directors  
 1984-1988    Sierra Club, Red Earth Group-Outings Leader/Executive Committee  
 1987          Sierra Club, Service Award  
 1982-1983    Sailing Team Captain  
 1975          Boston Marathon Participant  
 1974          Soldier of the Year, John Fitzgerald Kennedy Center for Military Assistance

## **PERSONAL**

Hobbies include climbing, skiing, sailing, yoga, camping, horses, and guitar.  
 Married.  
 Five children.