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Stacy Leeds serves as Dean and Professor of Law at the University of Arkansas School of Law in Fayetteville, Arkansas. She holds law degrees from the University of Wisconsin (LL.M) and the University of Tulsa (J.D.). She also received an undergraduate degree (B.A.) from Washington University in St. Louis and a master's degree (M.B.A.) from the University of Tennessee.

Her law teaching career began at the University of Wisconsin where she was a William H. Hastie Fellow. She served as Assistant Professor of Law and Director of the Northern Plains Indian Law Center at the University of North Dakota School of Law from 2000-2003. She was a member of the law faculty at the University of Kansas School of Law from 2003-2011 where she served as Professor of Law and Director of the Tribal Law and Government Center. She was interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Kansas from 2010-2011.

She teaches, writes and consults in the areas American Indian law, property, energy and natural resources, economic development, judicial administration and higher education.

In November 2011, Dean Leeds was appointed to serve a two-year term on the National Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform within the U.S. Department of the Interior. The commission will undertake a forwardlooking, comprehensive evaluation of Interior's trust management of nearly $4 billion in Native American trust funds.

Leeds is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and a former Justice on the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court. She divides her time between downtown Fayetteville and the Illinois River near Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

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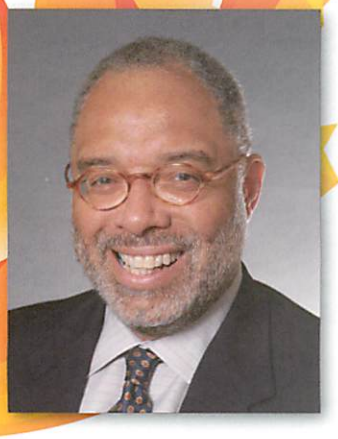

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Myles V. Lynk, a native of the Bronx, New York, and a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, has long been committed to the inclusion of minority lawyers in all aspects of our profession, and for equal justice and opportunities for minorities and women in America. While in private practice in Washington, DC, Myles was a founding member of the District of Columbia's Conference on Opportunities for Minorities in the Legal Profession, which worked to increase the hiring and retention of minority lawyers in the large law firms in DC. Myles also served on the District of Columbia Courts' Task Force on Gender Bias in the Courts. As President of the District of Columbia Bar during the Bar's twenty-fifth anniversary year, 1996-97, Myles worked closely with local minority bar associations and LGBT lawyers to insure that they were included in bar programs. Myles served on the Governing Board of the Council on Legal Education Opportunity ("CLEO"), to help increase the number of minority law school applicants and law students. He currently works with a public high school academy in the Bronx, New York, to provide college scholarships to the school's graduates and encourage them to attend college and graduate school.

In 2000 Myles joined the faculty of the Arizona State University ("ASU") Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, where he is the Kiewit Foundation Professor of Law and the Legal Profession. He teaches business law, civil procedure and professional responsibility. In 2010 the law school's alumni association honored Myles with their Faculty of the Year Award. Among his other responsibilities at ASU, Myles serves as a mentor to undergraduates who are ASU Obama Scholars; chairs the Advisory Board of ASU's Center for Race and Democracy; is the faculty advisor to the Black Law Students Association and organized an alumni advisory group to mentor Black law students; and hosts an annual event for all minority law students to promote inclusion and mutual understanding.

Myles is a leader in the legal profession, having served on the Council of the American Law Institute and on the Civil Rules Advisory Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States. As the national chair of the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation he is actively involved in the Foundation's campaign to develop a research chair and program on minorities in the law. Myles teaches in the Arizona State Bar's Bar Leadership Institute, which prepares women and diverse lawyers for leadership positions in the organized bar, co-chaired the State Bar's Task Force on Multijurisdictional Practice and has received the State Bar's Award for Service to the Legal Profession.

Among his many activities in the American Bar Association, Myles is a delegate at-large and chair of the Minority Caucus of the House of Delegates. A past member of the Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession, he helped organize the 2009 National Conference for the Minority Lawyer. He served as co-chair of the Committee on Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity of the Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities' ("IRR") and currently is IRR's Chair-elect. In the Section of Business Law Myles is a founder and past co-chair of the Section's Committee on Community Economic Development and served as a Section delegate and the Section's liaison to the Commission on Homelessness and Poverty. As the current chair of the Standing Committee on Professional Discipline, Myles has led that Committee's outreach to minority lawyers and solo and small firm practitioners.

Myles' public service has included serving on the Human Relations Commission of the City of Chandler, AZ, on the Board of Trustees of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and most recently, on the National Commission on Addiction Treatment of the National Center for Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University.