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Ms. Fairbanks is a Tlingit-Tsimpshian, and was born in Ketchikan, Alaska. Currently, she is a partner in the firm of Cuddy-McCarthy, LLP. Her practice concentrates in the areas of State-Tribal Relations; Federal Indian Law; Tribal Employment Laws; Tribal Courts; Family Law; Schools and Education Laws. She also serves on various tribal courts as an itinerant Judge.

Ms. Fairbanks obtained her J.D. in 1987 from the University of New Mexico where she was both a member and Secretary of Delta Theta Phi in 1987.

Prior to her law career, Ms. Fairbanks served as a teacher for the Albuquerque Public Schools, Zia Day School, and Administrator for Acomita Day School and the Santa Fe Indian School.

Ms. Fairbanks worked with the New Mexico office of Indian Affairs, as Sr. Policy Analyst, in the area of state-tribal relations. She was instrumental in establishing the Indian Child Welfare Desk, New Mexico Office of Indian Tourism, the University of New Mexico Indian Law Clinic, and the passage of the New Mexico Indian Arts and Crafts Act.

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Personable, experienced and detail-oriented, Ms. Fairbanks is a much sought-after trainer by tribal organizations.