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Main Bio

Heidi McNeil Staudenmaier is nationally recognized in the areas of Native American Law, Gaming Law and Business Litigation. She represents tribes, tribal entities and businesses who engage in commercial transactions in Indian Country, including gaming licensing, compacting, economic development, and governmental matters.

Education

- University of Iowa, College of Law (J.D., with Distinction, 1985)
- University of Iowa (B.A., Journalism and Broadcasting (double major), with Distinction, 1981)

Professional Memberships & Activities

- International Masters of Gaming Law, Past President
- Executive Editor, Gaming Law Review and Economics
- International Association of Gaming Advisors
- American Bar Association
 - Fellow, American Bar Foundation
 - Business Law Section
 - Executive Council Member
 - Business & Corporate Litigation Committee, Past Chair
 - Fellows Advisory Committee and Past Fellow
 - Gaming Law Committee & Tribal Courts
 - "Business Law Today," Past Editorial Board Chair
 - Commission on Domestic Violence, Past Member
 - House of Delegates, Past Member
 - Young Lawyers Division, Past Officer
- State Bar of Arizona

- Indian Law Section, Founding Member and Past Chairperson
- Young Lawyers Division, Past Executive Officer
- Arizona High School Mock Trial Program, Past State Legal Counsel Coordinator
- Maricopa County Bar Association
 - Board of Directors, Past President
 - Young Lawyers Division, Past President
- Native American Bar Association of Arizona, Founding Member
- Judge Pro Tem for Maricopa County Superior Court
- Arizona Commission on Judicial Performance Review, Past Attorney Member
- Arizona Women Lawyers Association
- Arizona Association of Defense Counsel

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "[U.S. Supreme Court Denies Review of County's Tax Dispute With Cayuga Nation](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (June 15, 2021)
- "[U.S. Supreme Court Issues Unanimous Decision Supporting Tribal Sovereignty Rights](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (June 4, 2021)
- "[Kentucky Derby Winning Trainer Avoids Filing Temporary Restraining Order Challenging Due Process Violation](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (May 12, 2021)
- "[Arizona Court of Appeals Holds State and Local Property Taxes Assessed Against Permanent Improvements Located on Leased Trust Land Are Preempted](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (May 7, 2021)
- "[Department of Interior Memorandum Removes Bar to Secretary's Land Into Trust Authority in Alaska](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (May 3, 2021)
- "[Secretary of Interior Decentralizes Processing of Requests for Non-Gaming Off-Reservation Fee-to-Trust Land Acquisitions](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (April 29, 2021)
- "[Federal Lawsuit Joins Another Challenging the Constitutionality of Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (April 28, 2021)
- "[Arizona Legislation Expands Gaming to Include Sports Betting, Fantasy Sports, Keno, and Mobile Lottery Games](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (April 21, 2021)
- "[Betting the Opening Line Is Sports Betting in the Cards for Arizona?](#)" Co-Author, Special Indian Law Edition, Arizona Attorney Magazine (July/August 2020)
- "[Force Majeure and Frustration of Purpose: Covid-19 and Beyond](#)," Presenter, Webinar, ABA Business Law Section (May 7, 2020)
- "Online Gaming and Sports Betting in the United States: A Moving Target," Panelist, ABA Business Law Section Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (September 12, 2019)
- "[Sports Betting in the USA: Now that the gloves are off who wins?](#)" Panelist, IMGL Conference, Prague, Czech Republic (September 6, 2018)
- "[Sports Betting & Tribal Gaming in the West](#)," Author, Indian Gaming Lawyer (Autumn 2018)
- "[The State of Indian Gaming in Arizona](#)," Author, Indian Gaming Lawyer (Spring 2018)
- "[New Mexico Tribal Gaming: Long and Bumpy Road](#)," Author, Indian Gaming Lawyer (Autumn 2017)

- ["Current Battles and the Future of Off-Reservation Indian Gaming,"](#) Co-Author, Indian Gaming Lawyer (Spring 2017)
- ["Conducting Business with Tribes in the Aftermath of the Dollar General Supreme Court Split: What You and Your Clients Need to Know,"](#) Co-Author, Business Law Today (April 2017)
- ["American Indian Tribes and Canadian First Nations: The Impact of Gaming Law and Policy on the Industry,"](#) Co-Author, Business Law Today (September 2016)
- ["Seminoles Gain Legal, Political Edge In Gaming Compact Row,"](#) Quoted, Law360 (January 12, 2016)
- ["Lessons From the Santa Ysabel Tribe's Bet on Internet Bingo,"](#) Co-Author, iGaming Business North America (Dec 2015-Jan 2016)
- ["Tribal Interests Face Stacked Deck in Latest Skirmish Over Limits of Tribal Jurisdiction in the Supreme Court,"](#) Co-Author, American Gaming Lawyer (Autumn 2015)
- ["Supreme Court to Review Tribal Jurisdiction Case that Could Impact Doing Business in Indian Country,"](#) Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (July 30, 2015)
- ["'Location is Everything' In Tribal Casino Dispute,"](#) Quoted, NPR 91.5 KJZZ (July 29, 2015)
- "Federal Political Issues for Online Gambling," Presenter, Tribal Online Gambling Conference (May 4, 2015)
- ["New California Online Poker Bills Seek Political Compromise and Consensus: But Could Prove Costly for the Santa Ysabel Tribe's Bet on Internet Bingo,"](#) Co-Author, American Gaming Lawyer (Spring 2015)
- ["The Santa Ysabel Tribe's Bet on Internet Bingo May Determine the Future of Class II Internet Gaming,"](#) Co-Author, Gaming Law Review and Economics, Volume 19, Number 2 (March 2015)
- ["Californian Court Puts Tribal Online Bingo Website on Ice,"](#) Co-Author, World Online Gambling Law Report (January 2015)
- ["Negotiating with a Tribe or Tribal Entity: Practical Tips for Franchisors,"](#) Co-Author, Franchise Law Journal, Vol. 34, No.1 (Summer 2014)
- ["'Bad actor' provisions thwart California i-gaming consensus,"](#) Author, World Online Gambling Law Report (July 2014)
- "Land-Into-Trust Acquisitions for Gaming: Policy and Practice," Moderator, Indian Country Gaming Series, IMGL Spring Conference (April 25, 2014)
- ["Two Californian i-poker bills compete for tribal backing,"](#) Quoted, World Online Gambling Law Report, Vol. 13, Iss. 02 (February 2014)
- ["US Department of Justice targets gaming: beyond Las Vegas Sands FCPA disclosure,"](#) Co-Author, European Gaming Lawyer (Spring 2013)
- ["Effect of Patchak on Tribal Trust Lands,"](#) Co-Author, Casino Lawyer (Spring 2013)
- ["Minefield for the Unwary: Cautiously Optimistic Outlook on Online Gaming Expansion in the United States,"](#) Co-Author, April 2013 Issue Infinity Gaming Magazine (April 18, 2013)
- ["DOJ Unseals Indictment Against Online Sports Wagering Operators and Affiliates,"](#) Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (April 11, 2013)
- ["United States iGaming regulation left to the States,"](#) Co-Author, World Online Gambling Law Report (January 28, 2013)
- ["Life After Patchak: What Does It Mean for Tribal Gaming in California?,"](#) Author, Riverside Lawyer

magazine (October 2012)

- "[US iGaming Expansion](#)," Co-Author, Worldwide Online Gambling Law Report (September 2012)
- "[Over-Under on Legalized Sports Betting in California](#)," Co-Author, Daily Journal (June 25, 2012)
- "[Betting on i-Gaming could have big returns](#)," Co-Author, Daily Journal (May 11, 2012)
- "[Native American Gaming: Heidi McNeil Staudenmaier](#)," Guest Speaker, CEM Audio Edge, Casino Management Enterprise (January 18, 2012)
- "Indian Country Gaming and the Obama Administration," Panelist, 14th Annual National Institute of the Gaming Law Minefield, Las Vegas, Nevada (February 18-19, 2010)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA®, Gaming Law, Native American Law, Business Litigation (2005-2021)
 - BEST LAWYERS' Phoenix Native American Law "Lawyer of the Year" (2015, 2017)
 - BEST LAWYERS' Phoenix Gaming "Lawyer of the Year" (2011, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2021)
- Chambers USA: AMERICA'S LEADING LAWYERS FOR BUSINESS®, Gaming & Licensing (only AZ lawyer) (2009-2021)
- Chambers Global: AMERICA'S LEADING LAWYERS FOR BUSINESS®, Native American Law, Gaming & Licensing (among select group of US lawyers) (2012-2021)
- Southwest Super Lawyers®, Native American Law (2015-2021)
- AZ Business Leaders, Native American Law (2020 & 2021)
- Arizona Capitol Times, Inaugural Women Achievers of Arizona (2019)
- Maricopa County Bar Association, Hall of Fame Inductee (2019)
- Jean Allard Glass Cutter Award, ABA Business Law Section (2019)
- Phoenix Greater Chamber ATHENA Awards Finalist (2019)
- University of Iowa College of Law Alumni Service Award (2019)
- AZ BUSINESS Most Influential Women (2016)
- International Masters of Gaming Law (2001-present): (President, 2003 – only Woman President), Nominating Committee Chair (2019-2020); Executive Committee Advisor; Diversity Committee; Boston 2021 Conference Committee
- Who's Who Legal: Sports & Entertainment 2020 (only AZ lawyer selected) (2014-2021)
- Women in Law Awards, Gaming Law, Lawyer Monthly Magazine (2014)
- AV Preeminent Rated Lawyer, Martindale-Hubbell
- Top Ten Great Women of Gaming (2006)
- Profile, Phoenix Magazine (November 2006)
- Profile, The Phoenix Business Journal (June 2005)
- First American Leadership Award, National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (2001)
- Valley Influential-Law, Phoenix Business Journal (1999)

Community Involvement

- Women's Leadership Council for Valley of the Sun United Way, Inaugural Member
- Tocqueville Society, Valley of the Sun United Way
- Maricopa County Justice Museum & Learning Center, Founding Member
- Arizona Women Lawyers Honoring Justice O'Connor, Founding Member
- University of Iowa College of Law Foundation, Lifetime Honorary Director
- ASU Native American Law Students, Mentor
- Volunteer Lawyers Program
- National Charity League - Camelback Mountain Chapter, Past President
- Boys Team Charity - Camelback Chapter, Past Team Leader
- Boy Scout Troop 6, Past Merit Badge Counselor and Charter Member
- Arcadia Cares: Food for Kidz Packathon Committee
- Arcadia High School, Past President of Soccer and Media Comm Boosters
- Philanthropy Volunteer: Nourish Phoenix (formerly ICM), Andre House, St. Mary's Food Bank, Back to School Clothing Drive, Homeward Bound

Bar Admissions

- Arizona

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Arizona
- United States District Court, District of Arizona
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- Various Tribal Courts