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She has a **Juris Doctorate**, from the Washington College of Law, American University, Washington, D.C., where she graduated *magna cum laude*. In law school she was a member of the Native American Law Students Association and interned with the Department of Justice, Indian Resources Section and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. She holds a **Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences**, from The University of Texas at Dallas; a **Master's Degree in Public Administration**, from Old Dominion University; and two **Bachelor of Science Degree: Zoology and Animal Science**, from North Carolina State University, *cum laude*.

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She is the former Assistant Director in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy in the Pres. George Bush Administration, with expertise in the area of environment and energy policy. She came to the White House from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Policy office. She is currently a Pres. George W. Bush appointee as Chief Counsel, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation.

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Her articles on American Indian Law, Indigenous Peoples and Environmental Law include:

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