



## Charles W. Galbraith

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### Services

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Charles Galbraith is a citizen of the Navajo Nation and he focuses his practice on litigation and Native American Affairs. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Galbraith served in the White House for President Barack Obama as Associate Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement where he managed the relationship of the White House with all Tribal Governments and Native American people. In that role, Mr. Galbraith analyzed, formulated, and coordinated political and policy strategy for President Obama, Cabinet Members, and Executive Branch Agencies on all matters affecting tribal governments and Native American people. Specifically, Mr. Galbraith's work included budget formulation, Executive Orders, appointments, Tribal law enforcement, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, Federal Emergency disaster declarations, sacred sites and historic preservation, and economic development. He planned and led the then-annual White House Tribal Nations conferences which included President Obama, all invited Tribal leaders, cabinet secretaries, members of Congress and dozens of senior government officials. Mr. Galbraith also served as a Deputy Associate Counsel for Presidential Personnel in the White House where he conducted investigations and vetting of individuals under consideration for presidential appointments.

Prior to his White House service, Mr. Galbraith was an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Arizona, where he successfully investigated and prosecuted a wide array of federal offenses involving white collar crime, immigration, narcotics, firearms, and mail, wire and bank fraud. As an Assistant United States Attorney, Mr. Galbraith had multiple jury trials, numerous hearings in federal court, and also briefed appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Prior to serving as a federal prosecutor, Mr. Galbraith was the legislative assistant for Judiciary and Indian Affairs to then-United States Senator Tim Johnson (D-SD) in his Washington, D.C. Senate Office. He also worked for then-Senator Barack Obama during his first campaign for President by organizing the Native American Domestic Policy Committee, which comprised a nationwide group of tribal leaders and activists.

Mr. Galbraith was listed in the 2017, 2018 and 2019 editions of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for*



*Business* for Native American Law and he was also ranked Nationally as “Up and Coming” for Native American Law in 2017 and 2018 by *Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business*. He was recognized in 2020 by *The Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup> for Native American Law. Mr. Galbraith was recognized as a 2017, 2018 and 2019 Washington D.C. “Rising Star” for Native American Law by *Super Lawyers* magazine. He was named to the *Lawyers of Color* "Nation's Best List" for 2019. He was named a 2017 "Rising Star" by *Law360* and one of three nationally recognized lawyers for Native American Law under 40 to watch. The *Washington Business Journal* honored Mr. Galbraith as a part of its "40 under 40" class of 2017. He was listed as one of Washington's 2015 "Trending 40 Lawyers Under 40" by *Legal Bisnow*. Mr. Galbraith is a recipient of the Native American Bar Association Award for Excellence in Government Service in 2012 and was recognized as one of “40 Native Americans Under 40” by American Indian Enterprise Development in 2011. At the Department of Justice, he was recognized by the FBI, Department of Education and the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency for excellence in criminal prosecutions.

### **Education**

Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, J.D. (2006)

University of Chicago, B.A., Political Science (2002)

### **Admissions**

Arizona (2007)

District of Columbia (2015)

Navajo Nation (2016)

### **Court Admissions**

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona

Courts of the Navajo Nation

### **Professional & Community Activities**

Institute of American Indian Arts, Trustee – Appointed by President Barack Obama

National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, Board of Directors – Executive Treasurer



Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Washington, D.C., Big Brother

Marathon Runner, 15 Full Marathons Completed

Men's Senior Amateur Baseball League, Outfielder

Native American Bar Association of Washington, D.C., Former Executive Board Member

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Record-Breaking Recognition for Kilpatrick Townsend in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2020  
August 15, 2019

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Charlie Galbraith and Yendelela Neely Holston Named to Lawyers of Color "Nation's Best List"  
July 15, 2019

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Twenty-Two Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Recognized in 2019 Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers  
June 7, 2019

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Kilpatrick Townsend Achieves Top-Tier Recognition from Chambers USA 2019  
May 2, 2019

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KT Client Success | Big Win in Water Rights Fight  
April 3, 2019

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DOJ's Wire Act Opinion Means Uncertainty For Tribal Gaming  
March 20, 2019

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Record-Breaking Recognition for Kilpatrick Townsend in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2019  
August 20, 2018

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Kilpatrick Townsend Achieves Recognition From Chambers USA 2018

May 11, 2018

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Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named 2018 Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers

May 7, 2018

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Indian Country After 1st Year Of The Trump Administration

January 18, 2018

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Kilpatrick Townsend Elects New Partners

January 1, 2018

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Rising Star: Kilpatrick Townsend's Charles Galbraith

August 4, 2017

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Kilpatrick Townsends Charles Galbraith Named One of the DCs 40 Under 40

July 27, 2017

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Washington Business Journal, 40 Under 40: Charles Galbraith

July 26, 2017

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Charlie Galbraith Named One of Law360's Rising Stars in Native American Law

July 17, 2017

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Indian Country Should Defend Environmental Protections

July 10, 2017



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Kilpatrick Townsend Achieves Recognition From Chambers USA 2017

May 30, 2017

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Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named 2017 Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers

May 22, 2017

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Kilpatrick Townsend Announces 2016 Kilpatrick Townsend Pro Bono Awards

April 12, 2017

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Indian Country Should Defend Environmental Protections

April 4, 2017

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report July 1-14, 2016

July 15, 2016

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What The Growth Of Daily Fantasy Sports Means For Tribes

July 5, 2016

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report March 24 - April 14, 2016

April 15, 2016

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Charlie Galbraith Quoted in Indian Country Today Media Network re: "Tunica Biloxi Launches Consumer Lending Regulatory Commission."

April 13, 2016

### [In The News](#)

Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report February 17-25, 2016

February 26, 2016



[In The News](#)

Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report July 10-16, 2015

July 17, 2015