



A.J. Ferate Analyzes Tribal Law Case Related to COVID-19 Relief

Spencer Fane attorney [A.J. Ferate](#) was recently featured on The Federalist Society's [teleforum](#) covering a tribal law case involving COVID-19 relief under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Jennifer Weddle, a Shareholder at Greenberg Traurig, joined A.J. for a discussion analyzing *Yellen, Secretary of Treasury v. Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation*, including the Supreme Court's ruling of this case.

"What this case is and involves is statutory interpretation," A.J. explained. "This came to the court because there's a circuit split as a result of the D.C. Circuit opinion. The Ninth Circuit had treated this question of whether ANC's [Alaska Native Corporations] were tribes...for decades saying that ANC's were, of course, tribes and it was that position that the D.C. Circuit disagreed with."

At Spencer Fane, A.J. focuses his practice on tribal law, policy, energy, campaigns, elections, and defense. He has represented sixteen state Attorneys General as amicus parties in COVID litigation before the U.S. Courts for the Western District of Oklahoma. As an experienced attorney with a multi-faceted background, A.J. is often called on to analyze tribal law cases and related legislation for a variety of media outlets.

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