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A.J. Ferate Joins Tribal Law Panel at Tenth Circuit CLE Program

Spencer Fane attorney [A.J. Ferate](#) was a panelist for Sovereignty Day Hot Topics in Federal Indian Law on July 9–10 in Oklahoma City.

Hosted by the Tenth Circuit Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Tribal Relations, this two-day educational program advanced Circuit initiatives around federal judiciary communication, legal education, and collaborating with tribal governments and organizations. AJ's panel – Hot Topics in Tribal Participation in Administrative Litigation, Sacred Sites Protection and Religious Exercise, and International Human Rights Bodies – examined tribal administrative law cases post-*Loper Bright*, environmental permitting challenges, and religious exercise/sacred sites protection cases. Topics included recent Ninth Circuit cases and how tribes currently engage with international human rights bodies.

A.J. focuses his practice on tribal law, policy, energy, campaigns, elections, and defense. His multifaceted background comprises more than 20 years of experience in tribal governance, public policy, political strategy, and public service.