



SAIGE 2020 Native American Heritage Month Sovereignty is Sacred: Sharing Our Rights and Cultures

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Webinar: Tribal Sovereignty: Understanding the Impact of the Supreme Court's Decision in *McGirt v. Oklahoma*

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Host: Jay Spaan, SAIGE Vice-Chair

On July 9, the U.S. Supreme Court released its decision in the *McGirt v. Oklahoma*. This holding in this case is the most significant sovereignty decision in Oklahoma history—declaring that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation lands, reserved since the 19th century, remain a Native American reservation and are thus considered "Indian country" for the purposes of the Major Crimes Act.



While the decision is limited by its terms, it has much broader state and tribal sovereignty implications. SAIGE invites you to join us as we discuss what this decision means for Tribal sovereignty and how it affects the government to government relationships between Tribal Nations, States, and the Federal government.

Mike McBride is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy and chairs the firm's Indian Law & Gaming practice group out of the Tulsa office. He is a former general counsel to the Osage and Comanche Nations and Attorney General for the Seminole Nation and the Sac & Fox Nation. He served as a tribal Supreme Court justice and as a special district judge for 17 years while practicing law full time. Mike is a fourth generation Oklahoman and grew up in and around Bartlesville and Fairfax among the Osage, Cherokee, Creek, Delaware and many other tribal citizens.

Jonodev Chaudhuri serves as Ambassador for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and Chair, Indian Law & Policy Practice at Quarles & Brady LLP. Ambassador Chaudhuri has extensive experience representing tribal nations, tribal citizens, corporations, and individual clients on issues relating to commercial litigation, gaming, governance, tribal sovereignty and self-determination, and economic development. Having spent his entire career serving tribal nations and Native communities in various policy, legal, and judicial capacities, he possesses a deep understanding of the connection between the development of strong governmental institutions and tribal self-determination.

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