

AMBASSADOR (RET.) KEITH M. HARPER

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EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
J.D., January 1994
New York, NY

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
B.A., Sociology, Psychology, May 1990
Berkeley, CA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

JENNER & BLOCK LLP
Partner
Chair Native American and Co-Chair Human Rights & Global Strategies Practices
Washington, DC
2020-present

WATSON INSTITUTE, BROWN UNIVERSITY
Senior Fellow
Providence, RI
2021-present

KILPATRICK STOCKTON & TOWNSEND LLP
Partner & Chair of Native American Practice Group
Washington, DC
2017-2020
2006-2014

U.S. AMBASSADOR & PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
Geneva, Switzerland
2014-2017

OBAMA-BIDEN PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION TEAM
Energy & Environment Cluster
Washington, DC
11/2008-1/2009

SUPREME COURT OF THE POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS
Supreme Court Justice (Part-time)
Atmore, AL
2007-2008

MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT TRIBAL COURT
Appellate Justice (Part-time)
Ledyard, CT
2001-2007

NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND
Senior Staff Attorney
Washington, DC
1995-2006

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW
Professorial Lecturer (Adjunct)
Washington, DC
1999-2001

THE HONORABLE LAWRENCE W. PIERCE
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS, SECOND CIRCUIT
Law Clerk
New York, NY
1994-1995

HONORS

- Mitchell Museum of the American Indian Trailblazer Award (2021)
- U.N. Association Allen “Tex” Harris Diplomacy Award (2017)
- National Congress of American Indians Special Recognition Award (2017)
- Cherokee Nation Statesman Award (2014)
- Elected as a Member of the American Law Institute (2012)
- The Native American Bar Association, DC, Award for Significant Contributions to Indian Law and Policy (2012)
- Selected as a “LawDragon 500” (top 500 lawyers in United States) (2010)
- Named one of 50 “*Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America*” by the NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL (2008)
- Listed in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* (2009-2013, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)
- Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (2009-2013, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)
- Selected as a Washington D.C. "Super Lawyer" by *SuperLawyers* magazine (2010-2013, 2019, 2020)
- Rockefeller Foundation Next Generation of Leaders Fellow (2002-04)
- N.Y.U. Black, Latino, Asian Pacific Islander Alumni Association Outstanding Professional Achievement Honor (2009)
- University of Arizona School of Law - IPLP Colloquium Fellow (2003)
- Henry H. Fowler Fellow on Public Policy, Roanoke College (1999)
- Skadden, Arps Fellow (1995-97)
- Root-Tilden-Snow Scholar (1991-93)
- *N.Y.U. Journal of International Law & Politics* Articles and Notes Editor (1992-93)
- N.Y.U. Center for International Studies Fellow (1992)

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS & OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE

- American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative, Senior Advisor (2018-present)
- United Nations Association-National Capitol Area, Board Member (2019-present)
- American Constitution Society, Board Member (2017-present)
- Defenders of Wildlife, Board Member (2018-present)
- Artistic Freedom Initiative, Board Member (2018-present)
- Democratic National Committee, At-Large Member, Vice-Chair Credentials Committee, Secretary-Treasurer DNC Native American Caucus (2017-2021)
- George Washington University Elliot School for International Affairs, Non-Resident Fellow (2017-2019)
- President’s Commission on White House Fellowship, Commissioner (2011-2014)
- Lawyer’s Committee on Civil Rights, Board of Trustees Member (2010-2014)
- American Red Cross, National Diversity Council, Chairman (2009-2014)
- Obama For America, Native American Domestic Policy Chair (2008)
- Native American Bar Association, Washington, DC, President (1999-2000)
- Human Rights USA, Board Member (1999-2009)

OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Citizen of the Cherokee Nation