



Rodina Cave Parnall

Biography

Rodina Cave Parnall (*Quechua (Peruvian Indian)*) is the Assistant Director of the Pre-Law Summer Institute (PLSI). Rodina attended the PLSI program in 1998, tutored in 1999, and taught the Indian Law course in 2011 and 2016.

Rodina recently returned to New Mexico from Washington, D.C. where she served, by Presidential appointment, as Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs in the Department of the Interior. Before that, she practiced law in New Mexico and Arizona representing Indian tribes and tribal entities in legal and administrative proceedings, in environmental matters, and on several large breach-of-trust cases in federal courts. In addition to her Indian law practice, she is experienced in federal and state matters involving complex litigation and appeals.

Rodina is an adjunct professor at the University of New Mexico School of Law, received the 2014 New Mexico State Bar Indian Law Section Outstanding Achievement Award, and is an Associate Judge on the Southwest Intertribal Court of Appeals (SWITCA). She graduated in 2001 from the Arizona State University College of Law with a Certificate in Indian Law and the Outstanding Law Graduate Award for 2001. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of Education from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Rodina clerked for the Honorable William C. Canby, Jr. with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.