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**Related Practices:** Corporate Governance | Compliance Services | Public Companies and Securities  
| Native American Law | Risk and Crisis Management

**Related Client Sector:** Energy and Natural Resources

**Walter T. Featherly** is the executive partner of Holland & Knight's Anchorage office and a member of the firm's Corporate, M&A and Securities Practice Group. Mr. Featherly focuses his practice on Alaska Native- and Native American-owned businesses. He regularly counsels boards of directors and executives on matters including corporate law and governance, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, business transactions, mergers and acquisitions, government contracting, labor and employment, finance and real estate.

Mr. Featherly also assists Alaska Native Corporation and tribal-owned businesses to navigate the laws and regulations of the Small Business Administration's (SBA) 8(a) Business Development and the Historically Underutilized Business Zones (HUBZone), particularly those related to subcontracting and teaming opportunities.

Mr. Featherly regularly speaks on the subjects of corporate governance and compliance, teaming and joint venturing, the requirements of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, the SBA and other laws applicable to small, minority and disadvantaged contractors and the large companies that team with them.

In Alaska, Mr. Featherly has tried numerous cases in the areas of commercial transactions, real estate, construction, antitrust, bankruptcy, products liability, personal injury and eminent domain. He has also tried cases in federal courts and has argued appeals to the Alaska Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

### Honors & Awards

- » *The Best Lawyers in America guide*, Native American Law, 2018, 2019
- » *Chambers USA - America's Leading Business Lawyers guide*, Native American Law, 2013-2018

### Publications

- » Key Labor and Employment Issues Affecting Alaska Native Corporations, *Holland & Knight Native American Law Blog*, April 3, 2018

- » Restructure for Success – UIC Shows How Profits Can Increase, *Tribal Business Journal*, March 2017
- » Report from the National 8(a) Association 2016 Winter Conference in Orlando, *Holland & Knight Alert*, February 19, 2016

### **Speaking Engagements**

- » Beyond the SBA: Other Contracting Preferences Based on Native Ownership and Control, Alaska Native Village Corporation Association, May 11, 2018
- » National Reservation Economic Summit, Key Employment and Labor Issues Affecting Tribal Entities, March 5-8, 2018
- » 33rd Annual Alaska Native Law Conference, Moderator, Alaska Bar Association, October 17, 2017
- » A Retrospective on The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971, OLEI, Fall 2017
- » Government Contracts Seminar: Understanding the False Claims Act – Considerations for ANCs, Holland & Knight Program, June 27, 2017
- » National Reservation Economic Summit, Native-to-Native Joint Ventures – Developing Relationships Between Tribal Enterprises, Alaska Native Corporation-Owned Businesses, Moderator, March 13-16, 2017
- » Introducing, Interpreting and Applying the New SBA Regulations: Mentor-Protégé, National 8(a) Association Small Business Conference, February 7, 2017
- » Reconsidering the Analysis and Processes by Which Tribal Economic Development Professionals and Tribal Leadership Use to Assess External Acquisitions, National RES Las Vegas 2016, March 21-24, 2016
- » National 8(a) Association 2015 Summer Conference, Recent Developments in Government Contracts Labor and Employment Law; Inspector General and Oversight Trends, June 16-17, 2015
- » Cyber Security - What 8(a) Contractors Need To Know, National 8(a) Association 2015 Winter Conference, February 2-4, 2015
- » Small Business Policy Concerns, The Native American Contractors Association Conference and Expo, November 2013
- » 8(a) Issues, New Rules, Upcoming Legislation, and More, National 8(a) Association 2011 Summer Conference, June 2011
- » What the SBA Rule Changes Mean for You, National 8(a) Association's 2010 Summer Conference, Summer 2010
- » The Impact of the 2008 U.S. Election on Alaska, Post-Election Breakfast Forum, January 2009
- » Exploring the SBA's 8(a) Program and Related Federal Contract Programs, Fourth Annual Emerging Northwest Tribal Economies, August 2008
- » 2008 National Reservation Economic Summit and American Indian Trade Fair (RES 2008), March 2008
- » Hot Topics in Construction Law, Competing in the Alaska Market, November 2007
- » Building Strong Tribal Communities Through Enterprise Development, Falmouth Institute's Third Annual Conference, September 2007

### **Memberships**

- » Alaska Bar Association
- » Anchorage Bar Association

### **Education**

- » Harvard Law School, J.D.
- » St. John's College, B.A.

### **Bar Admissions**

- » Alaska

### **Court Admissions**

- » U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska
- » U.S. Supreme Court
- » U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- » U.S. Court of Federal Claims