

BIOGRAPHY

Fawn R. Sharp, President of the Indigenous Greenhouse Gas Removal Commission

Fawn R. Sharp most recently served as the 23rd President of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the nation's oldest and largest organization representing American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments. She is the third woman to hold this role.

Ms. Sharp concluded her sixth term in elected office for the Quinault Indian Nation in Taholah, Washington, serving five terms as President and one as Vice President. She also served two terms as President of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians. Her legal and judicial experience includes roles as managing attorney and lead counsel, staff attorney for the Quinault Indian Nation, administrative law judge for the Washington State Department of Revenue—Tax Appeals Division, Associate Judge for the Quinault Tribal Court, and counsel for Phillips, Krause & Brown.

Her leadership extends across numerous institutions, including appointments as Trustee for Grays Harbor College by Governor Gary Locke, Governor of the Washington State Bar Association, Trustee of its Indian Law Section, Vice President and Founding Member of the National Intertribal Tax Alliance, and Director/Secretary of the Quinault Nation Enterprises Board. She has lectured and published extensively nationwide, and currently serves on the global board of The Nature Conservancy and the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Natural Capital.

Ms. Sharp earned her Bachelor of Arts from Gonzaga University at age 19 and her Juris Doctor from the University of Washington in 1995, along with advanced certifications from the National Judicial College and Oxford University.