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James Tucker is an attorney with the law firm of Wilson Elser LLP in Las Vegas, Nevada. He holds Doctor of the Science of Laws (S.J.D.) and Master of Laws (LL.M.) degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, a Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree, Order of the Coif, from the University of Florida, a Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) degree from the University of Oklahoma, and a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in history from the Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University. He is admitted to practice in Arizona, Florida, and Nevada. He Chairs the Indian Law Section for Arizona Bar.

Mr. Tucker provides hundreds of hours of pro bono service each year, including legislative, policy, and litigation work for non-profit public interest organizations. For over a decade, he has served as the Pro Bono Voting Rights Counsel to the Native American Rights Fund (NARF). In that capacity, he was co-counsel in *Toyukak v. Treadwell*, the first language assistance case under the Voting Rights Act (VRA) successfully tried to a decision since 1980 following a two week trial in Alaska. Other cases in which Mr. Tucker has served as co-counsel with NARF include *Nick v. Bethel*, a language assistance and voter assistance case, *Samuelson v. Treadwell*, an enforcement action under Section 5 of the VRA, *Alaska v. United States*, a constitutional challenge to Section 5, and as amicus curiae counsel for briefs filed on behalf of Alaska Natives in *Shelby County v. Holder* and *Northwest Austin Municipal Utility District No. 1 v. Holder*, constitutional challenges to Section 5.

Between 2002 and 2006, Mr. Tucker provided thousands of hours of pro bono service to help develop the record to support reauthorization of the VRA in 2006. In that capacity, he co-directed two studies by 15 undergraduate students at Arizona State's Barrett Honors College on the continuing need for the VRA's language assistance provisions and coverage of Arizona under the Act's preclearance provisions. During reauthorization, he served as a consultant to the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund. He has testified before Congress six times, including twice in the Senate in 2018 on barriers to voting and enumeration faced by Alaska Natives and American Indians.

Mr. Tucker is a member of the Census Bureau's National Advisory Committee, which provides input on race, ethnic, and other communities for improved census operations, survey and data collection methods. He is one of the founding members of the Native American Voting Rights Coalition, for which he recently coordinated a series of nine field hearings in seven states with testimony from 125 witnesses on barriers that impair the rights of Native voters to register to vote, cast a ballot and have an equal opportunity to elect their candidates of choice. That record will be used to support the Native American Voting Rights Act of 2019 and related legislation to restore the preclearance provisions of Section 5 of the VRA in response to the Supreme Court's 2013 decision in *Shelby County*, which struck down the coverage formula for Section 5.