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Biographical Statement of Lawrence S. Roberts
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Lawrence S. "Larry" Roberts, an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, was named the acting Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs on January 1, 2016, after serving as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs since July 2013. He joined the Assistant Secretary's office as the Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs on September 6, 2012, after having served as General Counsel of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

Mr. Roberts began his legal career with the U.S. Department of Justice as a trial attorney in the Indian Resources Section. He handled a variety of federal Indian law cases for the benefit of tribal interests including the protection of tribal reserved treaty hunting and fishing rights.

Mr. Roberts subsequently joined the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of General Counsel, where he provided counsel on the implementation of federal environmental programs by federally recognized tribes.

After leaving the EPA in 2002, Mr. Roberts worked in private practice on federal Indian law and environmental matters until he joined the National Indian Gaming Commission in July 2010. As the Commission's General Counsel, Mr. Roberts advised on matters involving the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and other applicable laws and regulations.

From 2003 to 2005, Larry served as Chair of the Native American Resources Committee of the American Bar Association's Section of Environment, Energy and Resources. In 2011, he co-chaired the Federal Bar Association's Federal Indian Law Conference in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Roberts graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1992 with a double major in Political Science and Sociology and from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1995. He is a member of the Washington, D.C., Bar and the Wisconsin Bar.

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