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Interior Secretary Rogers C. B. Morton has appointed Reid P. Chambers, former Acting Professor of Law at the University of California at Los Angeles, to be Associate Solicitor of the Interior Department for Indian Affairs, effective immediately.

Chambers, 33, has had background in Federal Indian Law, not only teaching at UCLA and the University of Colorado Law Schools, but also in litigation involving protection of Indian rights and resources.

He participated in the Pyramid Lake case, the case to establish the North Slope Borough in Alaska, a case to defend Indian fishing rights in the Columbia River, and another to confirm the treaty hunting and fishing rights of the terminated Klamath Indians.

He has served as a consultant to the Native American Rights Fund, California Indian Legal Services, and the Administrative Conference of the United States, and was an Associate in the law firm of Arnold and Porter, Washington, D. C., for three years before taking the UCLA post in 1970.

Chambers was born June 10, 1940, in New York City. He spent his entire childhood in Washington, D. C., where he attended Sidwell Friends School. He was graduated magna cum laude from Amherst College in 1962, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and was awarded an Amherst Memorial Fellowship to Oxford University. He earned a B.A. degree from Balliol College at Oxford, England, in 1964, and a law degree (J.D.) from Harvard Law School in 1967.

He is a member of the bar, U. S. Court of Appeals, D. C. 9th and 10th Circuits, and the U. S. District Court, District of Columbia.

Chambers is married to the former Barbara Friedman, of Bethesda, Maryland, and has two children, Megan (age 6) and Randy (age 3).

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