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William J. Lawrence has been named Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Colorado River Agency at Parker, Arizona.

Lawrence, a Red Lake Chippewa, graduated from the University Of North Dakota School Of Law in 1972 and had been working for the Terry C. Holter Law Firm in Bemidji, Minnesota. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1962 from the Bemidji State College.

A former Marine Corps officer with service in Vietnam, Lawrence has been Industrial Development Director and Executive Director, Economic Development and Community Planning Staff for the Red Lake Reservation. He has also been the Assistant Director Indian Education Section in the Minnesota Department of Education and Director of the Indian Adult Basic Education program at the Bemidji Center.

Lawrence, 35, is married and has two daughters and one son. He was an elected member of the school board at Bemidji and a past member of the Minnesota State Advisory Council on Vocational Education. He played professional baseball for two years in the Detroit Tigers organization and is still active in recreational athletics.