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Elwha Klallam Tribe, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians, the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians, the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians, the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska, and the Tulalip Tribes. He is a member of the Grand Traverse Band.

He previously taught at the Michigan State University College of Law (2006 to 2022) and the University of North Dakota School of Law (2004 to 2006). He has been a visiting professor at the law schools at the University of Arizona; the University of California, Hastings; the University of Michigan; the University of Montana; and Stanford University. He is a frequent instructor at the Pre-Law Summer Institute for American Indian students.

He was lead reporter for the American Law Institute's Restatement of the Law of American Indians, completed in 2022. He has published articles in the California Law Review, Michigan Law Review, Northwestern University Law Review, and many others. His hornbook, *Federal Indian Law* (West Academic Publishing), was published in 2016 and his concise hornbook, *Principles of Federal Indian Law* (West Academic Publishing), in 2017. Professor Fletcher co-authored the sixth and seventh editions of *Cases and Materials on Federal Indian Law* (West Publishing, 2011 and 2017) and both editions of *American Indian Tribal Law* (Aspen, 2011 and 2020), the only casebook for law students on tribal law. He also authored *Ghost Road: Anishinaabe Responses to Indian-Hating* (Fulcrum Publishing, 2020); *The Return of the Eagle: The Legal History of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians* (Michigan State University Press, 2012); and *American Indian Education: Counternarratives in Racism, Struggle, and the Law* (Routledge, 2008). He co-edited *The Indian Civil Rights Act at Forty* with Kristen A. Carpenter and Angela R. Riley (UCLA American Indian Studies Press, 2012) and *Facing the Future: The Indian Child Welfare Act at 30* with Wenona T. Singel and Kathryn E. Fort (Michigan State University Press, 2009). Professor Fletcher's scholarship and advocacy has been cited several times by the United States Supreme Court. Finally, Professor Fletcher is the primary editor and author of the leading law blog on American Indian law and policy, *Turtle Talk*, <http://turtletalk.wordpress.com/> (link is external).

Professor Fletcher worked as a staff attorney for four Indian Tribes: the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, the Hoopa Valley Tribe, the Suquamish Tribe, and the Grand Traverse Band. He previously sat on the judiciaries of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians; he also served as a consultant to the Seneca Nation of Indians Court of Appeals.

He is married to Wenona Singel, a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and they have two sons, Owen and Emmett.



**Alicia Summers** has a PhD in Social Psychology from the University of Nevada, Reno. She is the Director of Data Savvy Consulting and works as an independent consultant in the field of child welfare. Dr. Summers has 17 years' experience conducting applied research and evaluation with the juvenile and family courts, specializing in child abuse and neglect court work. Dr. Summers previously served as the Program Director for Research and Evaluation at the National

Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and currently serves as the Director of Research and Evaluation for the Capacity Building Center for Courts, providing technical assistance services to Court Improvement Programs all over the nation. Her research focus is on improving the quality of court hearings, examining compliance with Indian Child Welfare Act, using data in a meaningful way, and evaluating court programs and practices to contribute to the growing evidence-base of what works. She also serves as affiliate faculty at the University of Nevada, Reno for the Interdisciplinary Social Psychology program.



### Geraldine "Liz" Mueller

After raising four children, I graduated with a B.A. in Psychology. I received numerous certifications concerning social service issues, juvenile justice, trauma, etc. over the past 34 years. I was recognized and honored by the University of Washington Department of Social Work for my efforts in bringing the Master of Social Work degree to a rural area. This effort paid off with forty-eight graduates, who continue to live and work in the community. I have been recognized for my training manual, called *Family Group Conferencing for Elders and Caregivers*, funded by the Administration on

Aging, which is available for Tribes across the nation. During my twenty-eight years working for my tribe, my life work has been dedicated in trying to make life better for elders, students, families and children.

I was elected to the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Council on October 5, 2002, and served through January of 2020. I served 28 years in the tribe's social services department, as the Director from 1988–2004, and as a Government Liaison between the Tribe and Federal/State government on health and social service issues. In 2013 I was appointed as chair of the Federal Tribal Advisory Committee for Administration of Children and Family. In 2010 I was appointed by the Governor to serve as chair on the Washington State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice. In 2008 I was appointed to the Washington State Disproportionate Children of Color in Dependency by the Legislature and served as co-chair from 2008–2014.

I was elected Chair of the Indian Policy Advisory Committee (that represents the 29 tribes in Washington State) to the Secretary of Department of Social and Health Service in the State of Washington from 1992–2020. In this position I oversaw the Tribal/State Committees on Indian Child Welfare Services, Economic Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health, Disability and Long-Term Care. I also served on the Tribal/State Committee for early learning.

I worked to pass the Washington State Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and developed an Indian Child Welfare Quality Assurance Review that indicates areas in the State that may be deficient in following the ICWA and provides feedback on areas that need improvement.

From 2014– 2019 I served on the Executive Board for Behavioral Health with Commissioners from Kitsap, Jefferson and Clallam Counties. I currently serve on the Clallam County Sheriff's Citizen's Committee. I have worked diligently for the preservation of Indian children and their families, Tribal history and culture. I am an active member of my Tribe's Cultural Committee, Elders Committee and Jamestown Community Network Committee. For over three decades I have served to promote Tribal/State relations through

innovative programs, policy changes and legislation to better the lives of American Indian/Alaska Natives through education, advocacy, health and wellness.