

Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered  
American Indians and Alaska Natives

**Task Force Biographies**



**Katharine Sullivan**

**Co-Chair Designee for Attorney General William P. Barr**

Katharine Sullivan was appointed by Attorney General William Barr as Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the Office of Justice Programs in June 2019. She leads the Department of Justice’s principal funding, research and statistical component, overseeing more than \$5 billion in grants and other resources to support state, local and tribal criminal and juvenile justice activities and victim services.

Ms. Sullivan previously served on the White House Domestic Policy Council, and as Acting Director of the Justice Department’s Office of Violence Against Women where she directed grants, training and other activities that reduce and respond to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Before joining the Department of Justice, Ms. Sullivan served as a Colorado state trial court judge in the state’s 5<sup>th</sup> judicial district, where she presided over misdemeanor, felony and civil matters including domestic violence cases, sexual assault sentencing and cases involving drugs and alcohol. She heard 45,000 cases during her 11 years on the bench and also implemented and presided over a drug court and a driving under the influence (DUI) court.

Prior to becoming a judge, Ms. Sullivan served as a Deputy District Attorney in Colorado, prosecuting both felony and misdemeanor cases. She worked closely with law enforcement and participated in a community-based collaborative domestic violence task force.

Earlier in her career, Ms. Sullivan spent time in private practice, serving as a member of Colorado’s Victim Compensation Board where she trained law enforcement officials across the nation on risk and liability in jails and prisons. She also served on the State Judicial Ethics Board.

Ms. Sullivan received her undergraduate degree from Syracuse University and graduated from George Washington School of Law.

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**Tara Katuk Mac Lean Sweeney**

**Co-Chair Designee for Secretary of the Interior David L. Bernhardt**

Tara Katuk Mac Lean Sweeney, a member of the Native Village of Barrow Traditional Iñupiat Government and the Iñupiat Community of the Arctic Slope, became the 13<sup>th</sup> Assistant Secretary of the Interior on July 30, 2018. She is responsible for carrying out the Department’s trust responsibilities regarding the management of tribal and individual Indian trust lands and assets, and promoting the self-determination and economic self-sufficiency of the nation’s 574 federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes.

Ms. Sweeney is the first Alaska Native and the second woman to be confirmed for the position. She grew up in Utqiagvik, in rural Alaska. She has served in leadership positions on numerous business and nonprofit boards at the state, national and international levels, including as executive vice president of external affairs for the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, chair of the Arctic Economic Council, a trustee of the Ted Stevens Foundation, and co-chair of the Alaska Federation of Natives.

In 2008 the Alaska Journal of Commerce named her a “Top Forty Under 40” business leader. She led a team that won two Emmy® Awards from the Northwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences for its IAM IÑUPIAQ commercial campaign in 2014 and its 2017 long-format documentary titled *True North, the Story of ASRC*. In 2017 she was inducted into the Anchorage ATHENA Society, a program of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce that recognizes women as valued members and leaders of the business community.

Ms. Sweeney earned a B.S from Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations. She is also a shareholder in the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, the Alaska Native regional corporation established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971.

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**Terry Wade**

In January 2020, Terry Wade was appointed Executive Assistant Director of the Criminal, Cyber, Response and Services Branch of the FBI. In this role, he oversees all FBI criminal and cyber investigations worldwide, as well as critical incident response and victim assistance.

Mr. Wade began his career as a Special Agent with the FBI in 1996. He has served in the Helena, Montana, Resident Agency of the Salt Lake City Field Office, the Oklahoma City Field Office, the Flagstaff Resident Agency of the Phoenix Field Office, the Albuquerque Field Office, and the Los Angeles Field Office, in addition to a deployment to Baghdad, Iraq, as the deputy on-scene commander. His assignments at FBI Headquarters have included leadership positions in the Criminal Investigative Division, Human Resources Division, and Inspection Division. Most recently, Mr. Wade served as the Assistant Director of the Criminal Investigative Division. Prior to joining the FBI, Mr. Wade began his law enforcement career in Oklahoma and served as an agent with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, where he investigated a variety of state and local crimes, ranging from public corruption to homicide.

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**Laura Rogers**

Laura Rogers became Acting Director of the Office on Violence Against Women on June 14, 2019. Ms. Rogers was the founding Director of the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) from 2007-2009, and Director again from January-July 2018. She was the Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General at the Office of Justice Programs from July-September, 2018, where she oversaw the administration of \$3.2 billion in grants.

In 1988, Ms. Rogers began her legal career as a criminal prosecutor in the San Diego County District Attorney's Office. She prosecuted child homicides, developed prosecution subspecialties for cases involving victims with intellectual disabilities, and established the office's first sex offender registry prosecution unit.

From 1999-2004, Ms. Rogers was a Senior Attorney for the National District Attorneys Association's American Prosecutor's Research Institute. In 2004, she founded the National Institute for Training Child Abuse Professionals and trained nationally on child sexual abuse and child homicide topics. She taught trial practice at George Mason University's Antonin Scalia Law School and California Western School of Law in San Diego for six years, and was the director of the Navy's Criminal Litigation Practice from 2009-2011. From 2011-15, Ms. Rogers served on the National Review Board of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, where she assisted in the revision of the Catholic Church's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. From 2011-18, she was a member of the Philadelphia Archdiocese Review Board on Sexual Abuse and Pastoral Conduct.

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**Charles Addington**

Charles Addington, an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, is the Director of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services in Washington, D.C. He has previously served as the Deputy Associate Director for the Bureau's Division of Drug Enforcement in Muskogee, Oklahoma. In that capacity, he managed numerous national programs, including the agency's drug enforcement and the Indian Highway Safety program.

Mr. Addington also led the BIA's National Drug Enforcement program, which is responsible for complex drug, gang, border and human trafficking investigations affecting Indian Country, and was the Associate Director of Field Operations in Washington, D.C. where he oversaw many national programs including federal law enforcement, corrections, drug enforcement and Indian Highway Safety programs. Mr. Addington has over 28 years of law enforcement experience, 23 of which have been in the management of Indian Country law enforcement programs. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, where he has instructed many training programs related to Indian Country law enforcement.

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**Trent Shores**

Trent Shores, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, was sworn in as U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma on September 22, 2017. He is the chief federal law enforcement officer responsible for all federal criminal prosecutions and civil litigation in the district, an area covering eleven counties and including thirteen federally recognized Indian tribes. In November 2017, he was appointed to the Attorney General's Advisory Committee, a select group of U.S. Attorneys who provide advice and counsel directly to the Attorney General on matters of policy, procedure and management. Mr. Shores was also appointed as Chair of the Native American Issues Subcommittee, a group of U.S. Attorneys charged with developing and guiding national policy for Indian Country justice. Mr. Shores also serves on the Tribal Issues Advisory Group to the U.S. Sentencing Commission, and is a member of the Attorney General's Management, People, and Performance Subcommittee and the Victim and Community Issues Working Group. In March 2019, he was selected as Co-chair of the Presidential Task Force on Protecting Native American Children in the Indian Health Services System.

Prior to his appointment as U.S. Attorney, Mr. Shores served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Northern District of Oklahoma from 2007-2017 and in 2015 was Oklahoma's First Assistant Attorney General. He also served as the National Security Cyber Specialist and worked closely with the Joint Terrorism Task Force to investigate and prosecute cybercrimes and domestic terrorism.

Mr. Shores has also served as the Deputy Director of the Justice Department's Office of Tribal Justice in Washington, D.C. He represented the United States at the United Nations and Organization of American States, where he negotiated declarations pertaining to the rights of indigenous peoples worldwide. Mr. Shores received a B.A. in political science from Vanderbilt University and received his J.D. from the University of Oklahoma.

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**Jeannie Hovland**

Jeannie Hovland, an enrolled member of the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe of South Dakota, is the Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Ms. Hovland oversees ANA's discretionary funding programs to American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders and coordinates activities within HHS to develop policies, programs and budgets affecting Native Americans, all under the authority of the Native American Programs Act. As Commissioner, Ms. Hovland also is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Affairs, affirming the government-to-government relationship between the Administration for Children and Families and Indian tribes.

Since her confirmation in June 2018, Ms. Hovland has visited with hundreds of tribal leaders and community members for listening sessions and tribal visits. She testified before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in August 2018 to advocate for Native American language preservation and maintenance, and in February 2019 to promote social and economic development in Native American communities. In September 2019, she testified to the House Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States on the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

Ms. Hovland chairs the ACF Native American Affairs Advisory Council and the HHS Secretary's Intradepartmental Council on Native American Affairs. As an adviser to the HHS Secretary, she reviews policies affecting Native Americans while addressing issues of importance to tribal communities through partnership with all of the HHS Operating and Staffing Divisions.

Prior to her appointment, Ms. Hovland served as senior adviser to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs at the Department of the Interior. She also served as the tribal affairs advisor to Senator John Thune (R-SD) for more than 12 years, where she helped develop legislation which became the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the Code Talker Recognition Act of 2008.