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The majority of Mr. Yoder's practice is devoted to representing Tribal employers in connection with pension, tax, benefits, and IGRA trust matters. Mr. Yoder represents Tribal employers throughout the country and is a frequent speaker on issues of Tribal sovereignty. Mr. Yoder designs Tribal pension programs, 401(k) programs, health plan & welfare programs and trusts, and advises Tribal employers on tax compliance and IRS audits. Mr. Yoder also litigates benefits and fiduciary claims and has considerable experience in benefits related controversy work and compliance resolution with both the Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Labor.

Mr. Yoder has worked to secure guidance on the use of tribal corporations, enterprises and LLCs, on developing better guidance on minor's and adult per capita trust options, and to secure federal legislation and regulations that preserve tribal sovereignty and government status under ERISA, the Internal Revenue Code and other federal statutes.

Most recently, he has worked with the Native American Finance Officers Association and the National Congress of American Indians on comments for the Department of Treasury's tribal consultation project. Mr. Yoder also works on tribal health care matters and tribal health care reform.

Mr. Yoder received his undergraduate degree from Arizona State University, summa cum laude, and his juris doctor from the University of Southern California, where he served as an editor on the USC Major Tax Planning Law Journal and was an American Jurisprudence Award recipient.