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**Party or Amicus? Deciding When Your Tribal Nation  
Should Participate in Litigation**  
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Chrissi Ross Nimmo is a Cherokee Nation citizen and is the Deputy Attorney General for Cherokee Nation. She has been in-house counsel for the Nation for 13 years. Chrissi is the managing attorney for a staff of 15 attorneys. The Office of the Attorney General is the only legal office of the Nation, meaning it handles in-house duties, tribal prosecution, and civil litigation in tribal, state, and federal courts. Recently, the CNOAG has dealt with a massive increase in tribal prosecution (and many other legal issues) following the McGirt decision; is a party to Brackeen, a Fifth Circuit challenge to ICWA; dealt with COVID legal issues, and has directed multiple gaming lawsuits against the State of Oklahoma.

Chrissi is the Vice-President of the Tahlequah Public School Board and the President of the Board of Trustees for the Northeastern State University Foundation. Chrissi and her husband Jim, a Tulsa firefighter reside in Tahlequah with their 6 year old twins Mattie and James and 3 year old Emmy.

Chrissi is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Cherokee Nation, Supreme Court of Oklahoma, U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Western and Northern Districts of Oklahoma, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, and United States Supreme Court.