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Geoff Strommer joined Hobbs Straus in 1992 and is the managing partner of the Portland, Oregon, office. Geoff works with tribes on a wide range of issues, primarily self-determination and self-governance.

Geoff is nationally recognized for his knowledge of and experience working with the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA). An active participant in the ISDEAA's developments and implementation since 1992, Geoff worked on efforts to draft and lobby for amendments to various titles of the ISDEAA. He was involved with the development of regulations to implement Titles IV and V of the Act. He was deeply involved in the legislative and regulatory effort that resulted in the expansion of Self-governance at DOT. He was also on the tribal team that successfully lobbied for the enactment of the PROGRSS Act, a bill that significantly amends Title IV. His ISDEAA work also includes negotiating contracts, compacts, and funding agreements with the BIA, the IHS, and other federal agencies. He served as lead counsel for dozens of the firm's tribal clients bringing contract support cost claims against the federal government under the ISDEAA. He was also lead counsel in two cases that established the right of tribal contractors to enter into fully-funded facilities leases under the ISDEAA, *Maniilaq Association v. Burwell*, 72 F. Supp. 3d 227 (D.D.C. 2014) (Maniilaq I), and *Maniilaq Association v. Burwell*, No. 1:15-cv-00152, 2016 WL 1118256 (D.D.C. Mar. 22, 2016) (Maniilaq II). He has also co-authored a number of articles on Indian law issues, including *The History, Status, and Future of Tribal Self-Governance Under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act*, 39 *American Indian Law Review* 1-75 (2015).