



### Bio for Carly Griffith Hotvedt

Carly Griffith Hotvedt, JD, MPA is a citizen of Cherokee Nation living on the Muscogee Reservation in Tulsa, OK. She is a seasoned legal professional, admitted to practice in Oklahoma, Cherokee Nation and Muscogee Nation, with an affinity for government law, agriculture, tribal policy and public administration. In her current role as Associate Director with the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative at the University of Arkansas School of Law, she regularly interfaces with tribes and tribal organizations to advance tribal food sovereignty by empowering tribes to engage in regulatory, economic development, outreach, and investment into tribal food economies and individual indigenous producers. Carly also supervises the majority of IFAI's staff and develops work plans to meet the deliverables of awards pursuant to public and private grants, gifts, and agreements from a plethora of generous funders and partners committed to food sovereignty and security in Indian Country. In addition, Carly also assists in developing policy based on research, stakeholder feedback and analysis of issues critical to Indian Country agriculture for both tribal and federal adoption and application.

Prior to joining IFAI, she organized and directed the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Muscogee (Creek) Nation, where she supported the legislative creation of the Division which reorganized the agricultural and related operations under the same programmatic umbrella. She then initiated an overhaul of the Agribusiness operation resulting in a 70%+ loss margin reduction, improved agriculture asset quality, improved herd health, improved transparency and public accountability for the operation, and set the program on track for sustainable operation. Carly became interested in agriculture through her grandfather, the late Bob Roberson, also a Cherokee citizen and long time ag teacher. Under Bob's tutelage, Carly showed pigs and competed in FFA contests including land judging, public speaking, and farm and agribusiness management. She received her State FFA Degree in 2002 and her American FFA Degree in 2003.

Carly clerked for the late Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice Marion Opala while in law school. She maintains a perfect success record in the Courts of the Cherokee Nation. She holds a BS in Agribusiness and a BS in Political Science from Oklahoma State University, a JD from the University of Oklahoma, and a Masters of Public Administration from OU-Tulsa. She volunteers with multiple organizations and currently serves on the Advisory Committee for Oklahoma State University's Department of Political Science and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee for her collegiate sorority. In her spare time, Carly wrangles her pack of dogs and occasionally hikes and travels with her husband.