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FCC ANNOUNCES THE HIRING OF SHANA BAREHAND AS TRIBAL LIAISON, OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Washington, D.C. -- Today, the FCC announced the naming of Shana Barehand, formerly Shana Greenberg, as Tribal Liaison, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs in the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau.

The Office of Intergovernmental Affairs administers the Commission's Indian Telecommunications Initiatives (ITI), a comprehensive FCC program designed to increase access to telecommunications services on tribal lands and to promote understanding, cooperation and trust among the FCC and other government agencies, the telecommunications industry, American Indian tribes, Native American Indian tribal organizations and Alaska Native corporations and communities. As Tribal Liaison, Ms. Barehand will play an essential role in ITI-sponsored events and other activities.

Ms. Barehand joins the Commission from the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") where she served as a Senior Enforcement Attorney, and was also instrumental in helping the Agency work with tribal governments to develop and implement environmental programs and to identify issues in Indian Country. Additionally, she conducted briefings and training seminars with EPA staff regarding the federal trust responsibility and basic principles of Indian law.

Ms. Barehand is a Founding Board Member of the Society of American Indian Government Employees. She served as Treasurer and Agent for the National Native American Bar Association from 2001 to 2006 and coordinated the Federal Bar Association's mid-year Indian Law Conference in 2000 and 2001. She served on the Board of the Native American Bar Association of Washington, DC in 1999 and helped coordinate the National Native American Veteran Pow Wow in Washington, DC in 1997 and 1998. Ms. Barehand is Mono Indian from California.

Ms. Barehand received her J.D. in 1994 from the Arizona State University College of Law, where she served for several years as President of the Native American Law Students Association. In 1990-1991, she also served as the President of the National Native American Law Students Association. While a student, Ms. Barehand worked as a law clerk for California Indian Legal Services and for a large Phoenix firm representing a Navajo client in a Hopi-Navajo land claim settlement. Ms. Barehand received her BA in Psychology from the California State University, Long Beach, in 1990.

