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Wesley James Furlong is a Senior Staff Attorney with the Native American Rights Fund in their Anchorage, Alaska, office. He joined NARF in 2016 as their inaugural Alaska Fellow. Wes's practice focuses primarily on the protection of Indigenous cultural resources and traditional cultural places and landscapes. Much of this work involves representing Tribal Nations, Tribal consortia and organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations as consulting parties and cooperating agencies in the NHPA Section 106 and NEPA EIS processes for large-scale and highly controversial natural resource development and infrastructure projects, such as the proposed Pebble Mine in Alaska, the BLM's development of an oil and gas leasing program in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Enbridge's Line 5 tunnel replacement project in Michigan, and the construction of the Thirty-Meter Telescope on Mauna Kea. Through this work, Wes has developed a nationally recognized expertise in all aspects of the NHPA Section 106 process, Tribal consultation generally, and traditional cultural places and landscapes. Wes also represents and advises Tribal Nations and Tribal organizations in litigation involving violations of the NHPA, NHPA-specific rulemaking, National Register of Historic Places nominations, and the development of Section 106 program alternatives. Wes also maintains an active litigation docket in federal, Tribal, and state fora. His practice also includes Tribal jurisdiction, defending Tribal sovereignty, treaty rights, environmental and natural resources law, voting rights and redistricting, sovereign immunity, subsistence rights, constitutional law, and oil and gas law.

In addition to this work, Wes has also published extensive scholarship on traditional cultural landscapes, cultural resource protection, Section 106 and Appendix C, treaty rights, and habitat restoration. Wes received the 2020 Partner in Preservation award from the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers and currently serves as the inaugural Chair of the *Public Land & Resources Law Review* Alumni Advisory Board.