

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF SCOTT FREENY TO SERVE ON THE U.S.  
GAO TRIBAL AND INDIGENOUS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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**IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION**

**RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**TO APPROVE** a Resolution supporting the nomination of Scott Freeny, Choctaw Nation Tribal Member and Senior Legal Director, to serve as a member of the United States Government Accountability Office Tribal and Indigenous Advisory Council, replacing the appointment of Sarah Curtis and to fulfill the remainder of her term, and any successive terms, if any.

**WHEREAS**, Sarah Curtis has diligently served as a member of the United States Government Accountability Office Tribal and Indigenous Advisory Council (the "Advisory Council") during the term of her employment at Choctaw Nation. Upon her resignation, Scott Freeny is nominated to serve in this role as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Article VII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation"), the Chief has the power to "establish and appoint committees, members and delegates to represent the Choctaw Nation with the advice and consent of the Tribal Council.";

**WHEREAS**, Chief Gary Batton nominates Scott Freeny, Choctaw Nation tribal member and Senior Legal Director, to serve as a member of the Advisory Council to represent the Nation, our Choctaw Nation government, businesses, and Choctaw tribal members;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Freeny's education, experience, and expertise as well as his commitment to serving the Nation and its businesses and people through sound legal processes make him an ideal candidate for this role;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma supports efforts to build and grow the Nation's relationship with federal agencies to support and grow prosperous tribal nations and economies;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Freeny is highly qualified and equipped to serve on this committee due to his commitment to serving tribal members. Mr. Freeny's leadership and expertise in tribal business and legal matters has helped to grow strong, resilient businesses. He also has specific expertise and involvement with the legal management of federal funding for the Nation, which will provide sound guidance and knowledge to the Advisory Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma has determined it is in the best interest of the Nation to support the nomination of Mr. Scott Freeny to serve on the United States Government Accountability Office Tribal and Indigenous Advisory Council.


**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this resolution be cited as approval for supporting the nomination of Scott Freeny to serve on the United States Government Accountability Office Tribal and Indigenous Advisory Council.


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**CERTIFICATION**

*I, the undersigned, as speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further certify that twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on December 9, 2023. I further certify that the foregoing Council Resolution CR- 08 -24 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero ( 0 ) negative votes, and zero ( 0 ) abstaining.*

  
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Ronald Perry, Secretary  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
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Thomas Williston, Speaker  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
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Gary Batton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 12 - 13 - 23

**Purpose/Need of Council Resolution:** The purpose of this Resolution is to support the nomination of Scott Freeny, Choctaw Nation Tribal Member and Senior Legal Director, to serve as a member of the U.S. GAO Tribal and Indigenous Advisory Council, replacing the appointment of Sarah Curtis and to fulfill the remainder of her term, and any successive terms, if any, as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. Mr. Freeny has been the lead for many legal matters pertaining to tribal business endeavors, as well as federal funding. This nomination will continue for the Nation to have a voice nationwide on this important committee, and fulfill strategic goal in the subheading of the legislative agenda of getting Choctaws and Choctaw leadership appointed to political positions, under the heading of Protect and Promote Choctaw Sovereignty and Culture.

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**Agency:** Chief's Office, Government Relations

**Budget:** N/A

**Match Required:** N/A

**Request by:** Sara Jane Smallwood Cocke, Government Relations

# SCOTT C. FREENY

## SR. LEGAL DIRECTOR

Results-driven, execution-focused Legal Management Professional with a track record in managing the legal function in large-scale, multi-faceted commercial operations, with emphasis on operational and legal functions. Seeking to leverage excellent legal and analytical skills to effectively manage and implement legal and business solutions and to minimize risk, all while enhancing organizational productivity and efficiency.

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### SKILLS

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Legal Department Management • Mergers & Acquisitions • Finance • Corporate Law & Governance  
Contract Negotiation and Drafting • Intellectual Property • Strategic Planning • Construction  
Regulatory Compliance • Risk Management • New Business Development • Government Relations

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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#### CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA

Sr. Legal Director, Division of Commerce  
Business Development Legal Director  
Sr. Business and Economic Development Director

Durant, Oklahoma  
2015 – Current  
2014 – 2015  
2012 – 2014

- Establish, supervise and lead the Division of Commerce Legal Department.
- Establish and maintain foundational policies, processes and systems for the Division of Commerce Legal Department.
- Member of Senior Leadership Team managing and directing operational strategy and growth for 120+ business units with over \$1.5B in annual revenue and 6,000+ employees.
- Provide counsel on, and negotiate agreements related to, all business entity formations, joint ventures, franchises, mergers, acquisitions, finance transactions, construction projects, intellectual property and other general corporate/transactional law matters.
- Supervise negotiations of all contracts with vendors and consultants for Division of Commerce.
- Perform organizational, operational, legal and financial due diligence on potential target and start-up companies.
- Oversee organizational structure and corporate governance matters.
- Provide expert and strategic legal and business advice to senior leadership.
- Provide counsel to Federal and state lobbying teams to advocate for business and political interests and participate in the drafting of legislation related to the same.
- Member of COVID-19 Committee responsible for creating, approving and monitoring programs, services and capital projects for expenditure of approximately \$1.3B in federal COVID-19 aid.
- Oversee and manage outside counsel.

#### FREENY LAW GROUP, LLC

Attorney/Member

Edmond, Oklahoma  
2011 – 2012

- Provide counsel on, and draft and negotiate agreements related to, business formations, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, finance transactions, and other general corporate law and governance matters.
- Perform organizational, operational, legal and financial due diligence on potential target companies.
- Counsel clients on trademark, copyright and other intellectual property related issues.
- Assist with organizational structure and internal systems to maximize efficiencies and economies of scale.

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**CROWE & DUNLEVY, P.C.**  
Associate Attorney

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
2006 – 2011

- Provide counsel on, and draft and negotiate agreements related to, business formations, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, finance transactions, and other general corporate law and governance matters.
- Contract drafting and negotiation for acquisition of materials, systems, software and other agreements.
- Provide counsel on gaming regulatory matters to tribal and commercial gaming clients.
- Counsel clients on patent, trademark, copyright and other intellectual property related issues.

**PHELPS DUNBAR**  
Associate Attorney

Jackson and Tupelo, Mississippi  
2003 – 2006

- Represent domestic and international gaming clients in a variety of regulatory matters before the Mississippi Gaming Commission.
- Advise on business entity formations, joint ventures, mergers, acquisitions, corporate finance transactions and other general corporate law matters.
- Provide counsel to Federal and state lobbying teams to advocate for business and political interests and participate in the drafting of legislation related to the same.

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## EDUCATION

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**Master of Business Administration**, August 2011  
Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**Doctor of Jurisprudence**, May 2003  
**Law & Business Certificate**, May 2003  
Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, Tennessee

**Bachelor of Engineering** (One-Year Graduate Program), June 1997  
**Bachelor of Arts – Engineering Sciences, Minor in Religion**, June 1997  
Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire

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## PROFESSIONAL LICENSES / AFFILIATIONS

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Oklahoma State Bar, Member, 2007 – Current  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Bar, Member, 2011 – Current  
Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma Bar, Member, 2007 – Current  
International Inter-Tribal Trade and Investment Organization, Planning Committee, 2016 – Current  
Association of Corporate Counsel, Member, 2015 – Current

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## CIVIC / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Registered Tribal Member  
Journal Record's Achievers Under 40, 2010  
Leadership Edmond Class XXV, 2010  
Leadership Oklahoma City's LOYAL Class III, 2008  
Citizens Caring for Children  
    President, 2011 – 2012  
    Vice-President, 2009 – 2010  
    Board Member, 2008 – 2012  
Second Century (Oklahoma Heritage Association), Board Member, 2009 – 2011