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Prior to his most recent federal service, Mr. Blackwell worked in the litigation department of Hale and Dorr, LLP, of Boston, Massachusetts, while his wife, Beth, completed her doctoral degree in Biostatistics at the Harvard School of Public Health. Previously, Mr. Blackwell was in private practice working with tribes to develop their governmental systems and codes of environmental laws. During undergraduate and law school studies, Mr. Blackwell also worked in the following offices and organizations:

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- The Southern Environmental Law Center, Charlottesville, VA
- Monticello, The Home of Thomas Jefferson, Charlottesville, VA
- Office of U.S. Senator David L. Boren, Washington, DC
- Muscogee Creek Nation, Office of Real Land Management, Okmulgee, OK
- U.S. Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs, Staff of Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, Washington, DC
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Mr. Blackwell is an enrolled member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma, and is also of Omaha, Choctaw, and Chickasaw descent. Born in Fort Defiance, Arizona, and raised in New Mexico and Oklahoma, he was graduated with an A.B. in Government from Dartmouth College in 1991, and a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1994.

Mr. Blackwell comes from a family with a commitment to public service and Indian Country. His mother, M. Sharon Blackwell, recently retired as the Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs with 30 years of federal service. His father, Charles W. Blackwell, has served as the Chickasaw Nation Ambassador to the United States of America since 1988. Geoffrey, Beth and their newborn daughter, Megan Elizabeth, live in Rockville, Maryland.

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