



Sarah Lukin, President, CIRI

As CIRI's president, Sarah Lukin focuses on the day-to-day operations of the company and ensures CIRI's diverse Alaska Native cultures, programs and values remain at the forefront of the company. Previously serving as CIRI's chief strategy officer for more than two years, Sarah plays a key role in identifying long and short-term strategies and provides strategic leadership in a range of functions for the company. Sarah has over 20 years of experience working with Indigenous businesses across the U.S. and Canada.

Sarah is Alutiiq from Port Lions, a remote village on Kodiak Island. She is a shareholder of Koniag, Inc. and Afognak Native Corporation and an enrolled tribal member of the Native Villages of Afognak and Port Lions.

Sarah holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Alaska and is a graduate of Alaska Pacific University's Alaska Native Executive Leadership Program.



**Darla Graham, Director of Stakeholder Engagement,
CIRI**

Darla Graham was born and raised in Anchor Point and Homer, Alaska. She is Yupik, a CIRI Shareholder, and an enrolled member of the Ninilchik Village Tribe. Darla holds a bachelor's in business management and a master's in business administration from Alaska Pacific University (APU).

Darla is also a graduate of the Alaska Native Executive Leadership Program at APU. Darla has worked at CIRI since 2014 and serves as the Director of Stakeholder Engagement. In this role, she oversees CIRI's efforts to provide meaningful programs, benefits, and services to its Shareholders and Descendants at all life stages and across geographies. Darla is also heavily involved in CIRI's Tribal relations efforts.



Michelle Anderson, President, Ahtna, Inc.

An Ahtna shareholder, Michelle Anderson is the President of Ahtna. Michelle is a member of the Udzisyu (Caribou) clan.

Raised in the Ahtna region, Michelle graduated from Glenallen High School. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Alaska Anchorage and a Master of Arts in Rural Development from the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Prior to joining Ahtna in 2011, Michelle worked with the Alaska Governor's office, the Denali Commission, USDA Rural Development, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.



Nick Ostrovsky, General Counsel, Ahtna, Inc.

As Ahtna General Counsel, Nicholas is responsible for the Company's legal and corporate compliance matters. He joined Ahtna in 2017 and brings extensive legal expertise to the Ahtna management team. Before joining Ahtna, Nicholas worked at an Alaska law firm where he represented Alaska Native Corporations and others on a broad range of topics, including ANCSA, natural resources, real estate, corporate governance, and litigation.

Nicholas holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Washington and a Juris Doctorate from the Seattle University School of Law.



Perry Eaton

Perry Eaton was born in Kodiak, Alaska. He grew up on his father's fishing boat and his professional life has covered a wide variety of fields. He has worked as a machinist at Boeing Aircraft Corporation, for three different banks and as a community development professional, specializing in rural Alaska.

Perry was the founding president and chief executive officer of the Alaska Native Heritage Center. He also served 17 years as CEO of Alaska Village Initiatives. Prior to retiring, Perry was corporate relations manager for Alyeska Pipeline Service Company.

Perry is an internationally shown Sugpiaq Alutiiq mask-maker. He has received the Alaska State Governor's Award for the Humanities, a Rasmuson Fellow and was appointed by President Bush to be a trustee of the Institute of American Indian Arts College.



Georgianna Lincoln

Georgianna Lincoln was born in Rampart, Alaska, and moved to Fairbanks as a young woman. She worked to secure Alaska Native land claims in the '70s, developed health and education programs in her region in the '80s, and shaped Alaska public policy in the Alaska State Senate in the '90s.

Georgianna retired in 2005 from the Alaska State Senate, having served 14 years in the Alaska State Legislature and on many state boards and commissions. She championed issues of women and children as well as natural resource management. In 1996, she was the first Native woman to be a candidate for the US Congress from Alaska, and she has served as a mentor for women across the state within and outside of the Native community.

Georgianna served on the Doyon, Ltd. board of directors for more than 40 years.



Tisha Kuhns, Vice President of Lands and Natural Resources, Calista

Tisha Kuhns was appointed Vice President of Land and Natural Resources in 2019 after serving for three years as a geologist in Calista's Land and Natural Resources Department. Before joining Calista, she worked for 12 years with the Donlin Gold Project in geology and water quality baseline management.

At Calista, Tisha is responsible for the management of Calista land and natural resources to achieve Calista Corporation's goals of financial success. She provides technical advice concerning economic minerals, land issues and coordination with industry and government agencies. Tisha is a Calista Shareholder born and raised in Bethel and Homer, Alaska. She earned her BS in Geology from Southern Oregon University in Ashland, Oregon.

Tisha currently serves on the governor-appointed Alaska Minerals Commission and the Alaska Miners Association's Board of Directors and received a graduate certificate in Alaska Native Executive Leadership at Alaska Pacific University in 2023.



Andrea Gusty, President & CEO, Kuskokwim Corporation

Andrea Gusty is the President & CEO of The Kuskokwim Corporation, or TKC, an ANCSA village corporation comprised of ten communities in the Middle Kuskokwim River region. Yup'ik and Deg Xit'an Athabascan, Andrea is a TKC Shareholder, a Calista Shareholder and a Tribal member of Aniak. After college, Andrea returned home to Alaska to work as an investigative news reporter and anchor in Anchorage. Andrea

was hired by U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski to be her Alaska Communications Director in 2011. Wanting to do more for the people of the Kuskokwim region, Andrea began working for The Kuskokwim Corporation in 2014. Andrea previously served as Community Relations, Land and Resource Manager, and Vice President before being appointed as President and CEO of TKC in February 2020.



Jaeleen Kookesh, Senior Counsel, Van Ness Feldman

Jaeleen Kookesh is the Senior Counsel at Van Ness Feldman law firm. With an impressive career in native community advocacy and corporate leadership, Kookesh brings unparalleled expertise in legislative, regulatory, litigation, and transactional matters affecting Native communities, their businesses, stakeholders, and partners. Kookesh previously held several prominent roles at Sealaska Corporation. Her leadership roles at Sealaska included Vice President and General Counsel, Vice President for Policy & Legal Affairs, and Corporate Secretary. In these positions, she directed legal strategies across a variety of business sectors including Water Resources, Natural Foods, and Lands. Kookesh also worked closely with Tribal Governments, Alaska Native Corporations, the Alaska Federation of Natives, and other community organizations throughout the region.

Jaeleen grew up in Angoon, and carries two Tlingit clan names from the *L'eeneidí* (Dog Salmon) Central house: *Kajoohain* and *Kinagoo.ut*. She is a child of the *Teikweidí* (Brown Bear) Clan. She is also Koyukon Athabascan.



Larry Burton, Chief of Staff Senator Sullivan

Larry Burton is Chief of Staff to U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan (R- Alaska). Prior to this appointment he served in a number of roles including Chief Operating Officer of the American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI); Senior Vice President for Government Affairs at CVS Health; Executive Director of the Business Roundtable; and Regional Coordinator (Western Hemisphere) and Vice President for US Government and International Affairs at BP. Larry has also served in various capacities in the US Government including positions with US Representative Don Young (R-Alaska), US Senate Assistant Majority Leader Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) and the White House Office of Management and Budget.

Larry received his BA from Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon, and his MBA from George Washington University in Washington, DC. Larry is married and has two children.



**Tara Sweeney, Vice President of External Affairs,
ConocoPhillips Alaska**

Tara Sweeney is an accomplished leader with a background in public service and corporate leadership. Among her leadership roles over the last three decades, Sweeney was the first Alaska Native to serve as Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs at the U.S. Department of the Interior (2018-2021).

Prior to her role at the Department of the Interior, Sweeney spent nearly two decades at Arctic Slope Regional Corporation serving in external and government affairs. Sweeney has navigated legislative and regulatory issues in-state and nationally, having lived and worked in both Alaska and Washington D.C.

Additionally, Sweeney has served as international chair of the Arctic Economic Council and as the co-chair of the Board at the Alaska Federation of Natives. Sweeney has also served on the leadership committee for the Native American Enterprise Initiative at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.



Kati Capozzi, President & CEO, Alaska Chamber of Commerce

Kati Capozzi has served as the President and CEO of the Alaska Chamber, the state's most diverse business association, since April 2019. Prior to her appointment at the Chamber, Capozzi served as the campaign manager for Stand for Alaska, the group that soundly defeated Ballot Measure 1 in 2018. Before leading the campaign, Capozzi worked for five years as a communications and projects manager at the Resource Development Council. Her passion for advocating for a healthy business environment in Alaska began in 2011 at the same organization she now leads, originally serving the Alaska Chamber as communications and events director.

Capozzi serves on the board of directors for the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, sits on the Executive Committee for the Council of State Manufacturers Association, and is a member of the Committee of 100 at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Capozzi moved to Alaska in 1996 and lives and plays in Eagle River.



Nathan McCowan, President & CEO, St. George Tanaq and Chair of Alaska Native Village Corporation Association (ANVCA)

Nathan McCowan is the President & CEO of St. George Tanaq Corporation, the village corporation formed for the Unangax people of St. George Island pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. He oversees both the business interests of Tanaq on-island (tourism & hospitality, bulk fuel distribution, land development, reindeer management) and off-island activities, primarily in U.S. federal government contracting (engineering, environmental services, base operations support, and design and publications).

In addition, Nathan serves on numerous boards and committees, including as chair of Alaska Native Village Corporations Association, which represents all 176 village corporations in Alaska, and he coaches youth sports teams for his two beautiful children.

Mr. McCowan has earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Alaska and a master's degree from Harvard University.



U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan of Alaska

Dan Sullivan was elected in 2014 and sworn in as Alaska's eighth United States Senator on January 6, 2015. Senator Sullivan serves on four Senate committees vital to Alaska: the Armed Services Committee, where he is Chairman of the Subcommittee on Readiness; the Environment and Public Works Committee; the Veterans' Affairs Committee; and the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, where he is Chairman of the Subcommittee on Security and the Coast Guard.

Dan's bipartisan leadership on these issues led to the passage of the POWER Act, which has dramatically increased legal services for survivors of sexual assault, as well as the Save Our Seas (SOS) Act, which addresses the ocean debris and plastics crisis – both of which were authored by Senator Sullivan and signed into law. Prior to his election to the U.S. Senate, Dan served as Alaska's Attorney General, spearheading the state's Choose Respect strategy to combat domestic violence. He also served as Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources.

Dan and his wife Julie Fate Sullivan were married over 25 years ago in Julie's hometown of Fairbanks, Alaska, where they first made their home. They later moved to Anchorage and raised their three daughters with the same values that Alaskans have passed down for generations: hard work, service, love of country, an independent spirit, and strength in the face of big challenges.



Nurr'araaluk Valerie Davidson

Valerie previously served as President/CEO of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. Formerly she was the President of Alaska Pacific University, as well as the Lt. Governor and the Commissioner for the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services. She served as chair of the Tribal Technical Advisory Group to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, a member of the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services/Tribal Health Medicaid Task Force, the Foraker Group Governance Board, and a member of the Medicaid Commission. Valerie also worked for Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation, where she served as executive vice president

and as general counsel and as a legislative aide to the state Senate Finance Committee for former state Senator John Binkley. Valerie has served in various roles to advance tribal health and self-governance throughout her career. These include serving as co-lead negotiator for the Alaska Tribal Health Compact, and as a member of the Title V Negotiated Rulemaking Committee. She was also a former president of the Alaska Federation of Natives Youth Council.

Valerie earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education with a minor in bilingual education from the University of Alaska Southeast and a Juris Doctorate with Certificate in Indian Law from the University of New Mexico School of Law.



Shauna Hegna, President, Koniag

Shauna joined Koniag in 2016 and serves as President. In her role she leads Shareholder Services, governmental affairs, communications, human resources, IT, legal, governance, and the Kodiak Island operations. Prior to joining Koniag, she was the Chief Administrative Officer for the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and the Vice President of Shareholder Services for Afognak Native Corporation.

Shauna holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Alaska and a graduate certificate in Alaska Native Executive Leadership from Alaska Pacific University. She was a 2017 German Marshall Memorial Fellow, a 2010 Native American Top Forty Under 40, and a 2007 recipient of Alaska's Top Forty Under 40. Shauna enjoys giving back to her community and serves on the boards of several non-profits.

Shauna and her husband Josh have passed their love of the water and mountains to their two kids, Kai and Paxson. In the winter, you can find them skiing as a family and in the summer rafting many of Alaska's wild and scenic rivers.



Kim Reitmeier, President, ANCSA Regional

Association

Kim Reitmeier is President of the ANCSA Regional Association. Kim is Sugpiaq, a Koniag, Inc. and Ouzinkie Native Corporation shareholder, and a Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak member.

Prior to joining ARA in 2011, she served as Chief of Staff to the President of Alyeska Pipeline Service Company and Director of Alaska Heritage Tours, where she oversaw tour package operations for CIRI Alaska Tourism.

A University of Alaska Anchorage graduate, Kim is deeply involved in her community at every level. She received the Alaska Journal of Commerce's Top 40 Under 40 Award, was inducted into the Anchorage ATHENA Society, and was honored as a YWCA Woman of Achievement in 2021. Currently, she serves on the boards of the Alaska Community Foundation and Alaska Chamber and is a past advisory board member of the UAA Alaska Native Organizational Management program.

Kim has made education, advocacy, and collaboration cornerstones of ARA's work. From leading a broad coalition to the U.S. Supreme Court to secure recognition of Alaska Native corporations to educating local, state, and federal policymakers about the unique features of ANCSA, Kim is passionate about and dedicated to empowering Alaska Native people everywhere.



TJ Presley, Director of Government Affairs, ANCSA Regional Association

TJ Presley joined ARA as Director of Government Affairs in July 2023, bringing more than a decade of public service and dedication to Alaska issues to the organization. He served in the Alaska Legislature for ten years, starting out as an intern with the University of Alaska Anchorage Legislative Internship program.

Throughout his legislative career, TJ served in both chambers and for several legislators in leadership positions, including as an aide to Senate Minority Leader Berta Gardner and Speaker of the House Bryce Edgmon. TJ also served as an advisor at the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas; as the Deputy Director of the Alaska Redistricting Board; and as Campaign Manager for Bill Walker's 2022 gubernatorial campaign. In addition, he worked as a strategic advisor to the Alaska Federation of Natives Navigator Program and as a congressional affairs liaison for the US Department of Interior, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement.

TJ holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Alaska, Anchorage, and an MBA in Finance from Alaska Pacific University.

Based in Washington, D.C., TJ is responsible for leading ARA's policy efforts and engaging with and educating federal policymakers about issues that affect the 12 Alaska Native regional corporations.