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Biographical Statement of Rodina Cole Cave Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs U.S. Department of the Interior

Rodina Cole Cave, who is of Peruvian Indian (Quechua) descent, was named Senior Policy Advisor in the Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs effective July 14, 2013.

Cave practiced law in New Mexico and Arizona until her appointment to the Assistant Secretary's staff. She had been in practice since 2003 representing Indian tribes and tribal entities in administrative and regulatory proceedings, in environmental matters, on tribal governance issues, and on economic development projects. She worked on several large breach-of-trust cases brought by tribes in Federal courts. In addition to her Indian law practice, she has extensive experience in Federal and state matters involving complex litigation and appeals.

Cave also served as an adjunct professor at the University of New Mexico School of Law and taught the Indian law course for the American Indian Law Center Pre-Law Summer Institute in 2011. She is a past chair of the Indian Law Section of the New Mexico State Bar.

Cave was admitted to the State Bar of Arizona in 2003, the State of Bar of New Mexico in 2005, the U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico in 2005, and the Navajo Nation Bar in 2011. She earned a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of Education from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and her Juris Doctor and Certificate in Indian Law from the Arizona State University College of Law. She clerked for the Honorable William C. Canby Jr. with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

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