

## **Mari Hulbutta**

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Mari Hulbutta is a proud citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and is a descendant of the Seminole and Muscogee Nations of Oklahoma.

In 2020, Hulbutta became the first person in her family to graduate from law school. She earned her juris doctor degree from Columbia Law School in New York. Focusing her legal studies on art and intellectual property law, Hulbutta was a staff editor on the *Columbia Journal of Law & the Arts* and was selected to be a teaching fellow for Columbia's Arts & Entertainment externship program. In addition, she served as president of Columbia's Native American Law Student Association (NALSA) and was elected to the National NALSA board to represent the Northeast region of the United States. During her time at Columbia Law, she was awarded the Richard P. Richman Fellowship for demonstrating exceptional leadership and the Justice John Paul Stevens Foundation Fellowship for public interest service. Hulbutta was recognized as a Social Justice Initiatives Public Interest Honoree for her leadership of a spring break pro bono caravan that offered free legal services to elders in tribal communities throughout Oklahoma.



Prior to law school, Hulbutta served as a Wilma Mankiller Legislative Fellow at the National Congress of American Indians and later served as a policy analyst at a law firm representing tribal governments.

She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Columbia University.

Hulbutta plans to devote her legal career to advancing the U.S. intellectual property regime to be more inclusive of tribal interests and protecting cultural property and tribal brands, while simultaneously educating tribes about the convergence of tribal sovereignty and intellectual property rights.