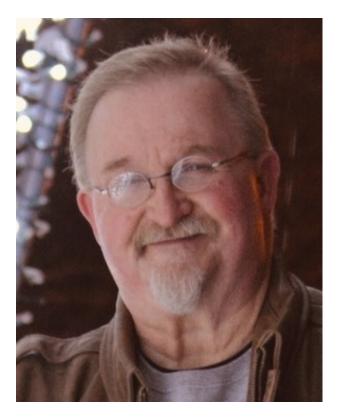
C STEVEN HAGER: A BIOGRAPHY



CLAY STEVEN HAGER¹

C. Steven Hager was born February 25, 1958, in Enid, Oklahoma.² He graduated from Enid High School in 1976 and then graduated from Phillips University in 1981.³ After completing his Bachelor's degree, Hager worked for the *Enid News & Eagle* as a photojournalist.⁴ Later, he moved to Norman, Oklahoma, where he earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1987.⁵

^{1.} Photo from Obituary, *Clay Steven Hager*, ENID NEWS & EAGLE (Feb. 11, 2021), https://obituaries.enidnews.com/obituary/clay-hager-1081605746.

^{2.} Obituary, Clay Steven Hager, supra note 1.

^{3.} *Id*.

^{4.} *Id*.

^{5.} *Id*.

Beginning in 1990, Hager served as a senior staff attorney at the Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, OILS.⁶ During his time at OILS, he authored twenty-four editions of the *Indian Child Welfare Act: Case, Regulation and Analysis.*⁷ Hager wrote for the Oklahoma Supreme Court's annual Sovereignty Symposium several times for the Hargrave Writing Prize; placing second in 2013, 2014, 2018, and 2019; winning the competition in 2015.⁸

Along with his career at OILS, Hager served as the Chief Judge for the Kickapoo Nation in Kansas as well as the Supreme Court for the Kaw Nation of Oklahoma. He served as a member of the Board of Directors for the National American Indian Court Judge's Association and the Kansas Tribal-State Judicial Committee. Twice, Hager served as the chair of the Indian Law Section of the Oklahoma Bar Association. As an adjunct professor, Hager taught in the Masters of Law and L.L.M. programs with a specialization in Indigenous Peoples Law at the University of Oklahoma College of Law. 12

^{6.} *Id*.

^{7.} *Id*.

^{8.} *Id*.

^{9.} *Id*.

^{10.} *Id*.

^{11.} *Id*.

^{12.} Id.