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## **Thomasina N. Real Bird Honored with Rosner and Rosner Young Lawyers Professionalism Award from the American Bar Association (ABA)**



**Boston, Massachusetts, 8/8/14.** The American Bar Association presented Thomasina N. Real Bird a Senior Associate at the Louisville, Colorado office of Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP, with the 2014 Rosner & Rosner Young Lawyers Professionalism Award. The award recognizes and encourages young lawyers who are dedicated to lawyer professionalism.

The award is supported by the Rosner and Rosner Justice Fund and administered by the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility. The fund and award are named by donor Seth Rosner in honor and in memory of his partners, Oscar S. Rosner, his father, and Jonathan L. Rosner, his brother. The award honors young lawyer commitment to legal and judicial ethics, lawyer professionalism, client protection and professional regulation.

Ms. Real Bird was presented this honor during the National Conference of Bar Presidents, National Association of Bar Executives and National Conference of Bar Foundations Annual Awards Luncheon held August 4th during the ABA Annual Meeting in Boston, MA. Representatives of the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility and the ABA Young Lawyers Division serve on the selection committee and were present during Ms. Real Bird's acceptance. In addition to receiving the award, Ms. Real Bird was also appointed to the Center for Professional Responsibility Diversity Committee. This ABA committee works to develop strategies to fulfill the Center's diversity mission and goals.

Thomasina N. Real Bird is a member of the Yankton Sioux Tribe (Ihanktonwan Nakota), and a descendent of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe (Sicangu Lakota), Ms. Real Bird received a B.A. in Native American Studies and her M.A. in Sociology from Stanford University and her Juris Doctorate from Columbia University in New York. She serves as general counsel to her own tribe and works with the tribal business and claims committee, tribal officials, and members of tribe's general council.



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Her efforts promote governance and economic development initiatives, as well as promotion and protection of tribal land holdings, tribal sovereignty, and jurisdiction. She also serves on the Wiciyena Community Development Board, a tribal entity that stimulates community development in the areas of culture, food sovereignty, health, education, spirituality, and career development. Ms. Real Bird is also a past recipient of the Native American 40 Under 40 Award from the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, recognizing leadership, initiatives and dedication to achieve significant contributions to Native communities throughout North America. She is a member of the Colorado Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, Colorado Indian Bar Association, Boulder County Bar Association, and American Bar Association.

“The Firm and its clients are very fortunate to have such a dedicated professional like Thomasina working to make sure we can continue to serve our clients with the highest levels of service, integrity, and adherence to the professional rules of responsibility,” noted Partner Leonika R. Charging in her nomination of Ms. Real Bird. The Rosner & Rosner Justice Fund honors her commitment to professionalism with this Award.

Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP is dedicated to the representation of American Indian tribes and Native American organizations throughout the United States. Legal services provided by Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP include a wide spectrum of services related to Indian concerns in the areas of business transactions, litigation, self-determination and government affairs. Visit our website at [www.ndnlaw.com](http://www.ndnlaw.com)