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Mergers and acquisitions specialist Travis Lovett has always had a strong interest in business and entrepreneurship. “My mother and grandmother both owned and operated businesses for much of their lives,” Lovett said. “Growing up around them gave me an early understanding of the challenges involved in building, growing and sustaining a company.” That interest deepened with his first job, representing First Nation communities and tribal businesses in Saskatchewan, Canada. “I saw how strategic business development, capital planning and governance decisions can drive long-term economic stability for entire communities,” he said. Lovett relocated to Indiana, where he worked in

Business. “I later transitioned from state government into private practice to pursue a career focused on mergers and acquisitions and broader business law matters,” he said. “I’ve played a central role in several recent transactions, including drafting and negotiating asset and equity purchase agreements and managing the closing process.”

**AGE:** 40

**HOMETOWN:**  
Zionsville

**EDUCATION:** Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, 2014; master of laws, University of Alberta, Faculty of Law; MBA, Indiana University Kelley School of Business; bachelor’s degree, University of the Cumberland

**FAMILY:** Wife, Che’lee John; daughters, Atlanna and Elsie; dogs, Hozho and Hank; cat, Casper

**YEARS WITH ORGANIZATION:** 4-1/2

**Givebacks:** board member, Indianapolis Indians Charities; member, community board of advisors, Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art

**First job:** construction, framing sheds and landscaping

**Motivation:** Lovett, a member of the Echota Cherokee Tribe of Alabama, used to make a living traveling the country performing in dance competitions at Native American powwows, which took him throughout the U.S. and Canada. “Spending time in these communities and seeing both their challenges and strengths firsthand inspired me to pursue law school, with the goal of advocating for tribal communities and working alongside them to support long-term growth and self-determination.”

**Mentors:** “The late John Trimble was a source of inspiration in my career,” Lovett said. “He exemplified the importance of building strong relationships within the legal community and consistently invested his time in mentoring and supporting young lawyers.”

**Lessons learned:** “I initially expected the work to be driven primarily by substantive legal analysis,” Lovett said. “Instead, I’ve found that much of the challenge lies in attention to detail, coordination, and executing the process consistently.”

**Favorite de-stressors:** going for a run or working out

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