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Ms. Chischilly serves as the Vice President for the Office of Native American Initiatives (ONAI) at Northern Arizona University (NAU) in Flagstaff, Arizona. ONAI is tasked with advancing NAU's strategic goal, 'to become the nation's leading university serving Indigenous Peoples', with initiatives focusing on Native American student recruitment, retention, Tribal leadership, environmental stewardship in Native communities, culturally responsive K-12 pedagogy and Native mentorship. Ms. Chischilly also continues to support the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP). For the last 11 years, she has been responsible for managing ITEP's work with NAU, state and federal agencies, Tribes and Alaska Native villages. In 2022, ITEP celebrated 30 years serving over 95% of all the 574 Tribes and Alaskan Native Villages nationwide and remains the premier Tribal environmental work force development organization. Ms. Chischilly currently serves on one federal advisory committee (FAC): 1) EPA's National Advisory Committee (NAC). Ms. Chischilly also completed her service on three FACs: 1) Department of Interior's Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science (ACCCNRS); 2) the Advisory Committee for the Sustained National Climate Assessment (ACSNCA), which transitioned to the Independent Advisory Committee for Applied Climate Assessment; and 3) EPA's National Drinking Water Advisory Council (NDWAC). Ms. Chischilly speaks both nationally and internationally on topics of Indian Law, Environmental Law and Justice, Climate Change, Traditional Knowledges, Water Law and Tribes/Indigenous Peoples. She works with the United Nations on issues of the Protection of Traditional Knowledge. She also co-wrote, "Guidelines for the Use of Traditional Knowledge in Climate Change Initiatives" and "Evaluating Knowledge to Support Climate Action: A Framework for Sustained Assessment". Before coming to ITEP, she served for over 10 years as a water rights litigator and environmental attorney to the Gila River Indian Community (Community), where she assisted the Community in implementing the historic 'Arizona Water Settlement Act' and founded the Community's Renewable Energy Team. Ms. Chischilly is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation (Diné). She earned her Juris Doctorate (J.D.) degree from St. Mary's University School of Law and a Masters in Environmental Law (LL.M.) from Vermont Law School. She is licensed in Arizona and has practiced in state, district, and federal courts. She is also a member of the International Bar Association.