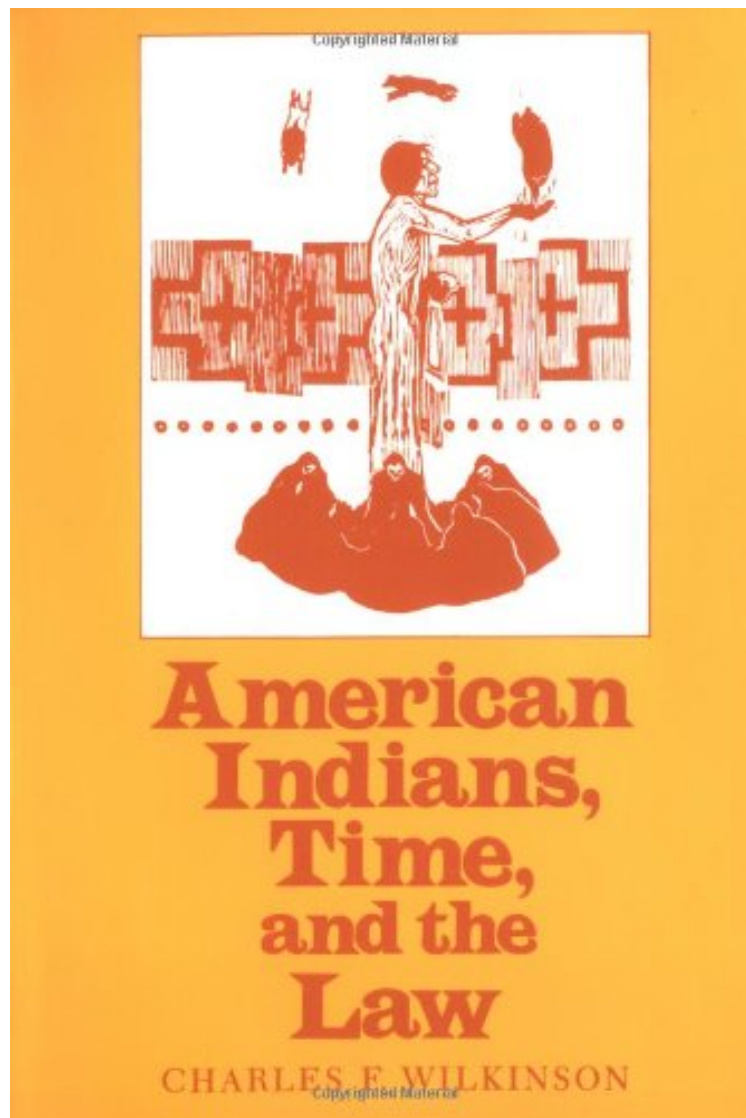


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relyBy G. TomerNot only is Charles Wilkinson a highly valued authority, he has been in the trenches working with Native people as a practitioner, not one of theory without working knowledge. I worked with Professor Wilkinson many years ago while with the US Congress. We know of his great service for the Menominee Nation taking their case into the US Supreme Court re termination. We verified his knowledge and abilities from those he worked with and for; the task we had meant finding the absolute best intellect and heart felt spirit to achieve excellence. We were finding the best statement of the problems caused by the U.S. Termination policies of the federal government; and, someone who could provide the best possible solution to stabilize the new "self-determination" policies. There were many Indian tribal nations whose leaders were uncertain what was termination, and what happened during that historic period. Prof. Wilkinson was the one person everyone recommended; and, he delivered magnificently. (!Task Force #10)As the years passed, I've kept track of his many contributions to the Federal-Indian Law, in the advancements of, and his advocacy of Native Rights in numerous fields. There are many important contributors with vast academic credentials; but if you're looking for someone you can count on to provide you in-depth perspective and substantive knowledge in the important fields related to Native Rights, there is no one better!It's nearly impossible to find any other person who can provide the historical perspectives needed by most practitioners. You could pay 10's of thousands to locate a legal consultant firm; or, you could buy this one paperback. There are many other authors; but, the listing of specialists in the essential areas would be quite lengthy and become exceedingly expensive to hire. I am recommending this book and author. I bought the original hard cover and gave it to a friend. I've found several copies over the years, and have used them until someone else needed it, or until I lost my copy. Recently I bought yet another to verify my research and dissertation! I'm retired and have not seen Prof Wilkinson for many years; except, I can vouch for the author personally and professionally. My last name is correctly stated, and I was the original author of the criteria for federal recognition in 1977. I also worked with Paul Alexander on the first proposed rules and regulations for federal acknowledgement in a more expansive method. Finally, I worked with Prof. Wilkinson to finalize an Omnibus bill for the restoration of federal tribal status. Unfortunately, the Congress has moved slowly and incompletely in both areas. Worse, the federal acknowledgement process has not been effective nor able to meet the needs of Native people. I wrote this review to let you know this book was, and remains, a classic work on Indian Law by an authentic human being blessed by great intellect and supreme humility.

In 1959, the Supreme Court ushered in a new era of Indian law, which recognizes Indian tribes as permanent governments within the federal constitutional system and, on the whole, honors old promises to the Indians. Drawing together historical sources such as the records of treaty negotiations with the Indians, classic political theory on the nature of sovereignty, and anthropological studies of societal change, Wilkinson evaluates the Courts work in Indian law over the past twenty-five years and considers the effects of time on law.