



SHERRY TREPPA

CHAIRPERSON, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
HABEMATOLEL POMO OF UPPER LAKE

Sherry Treppa is Chairperson of the Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake, a federally recognized Indian Nation located in Upper Lake, California. Chairperson Treppa was elected to the Tribe's seven-member Executive Council as Vice Chairperson in 2004, a position that she held until she was elected Chairperson in 2008. As Chairperson, Treppa is tasked with leading the efforts towards preserving the tribe's Pomo culture and inalienable right of sovereignty, while continually striving for economic self-reliance through e-commerce, gaming and other economic opportunities unique to tribal lands.

Prior to her work for the Tribe, Chairperson Treppa worked as an Account Manager, where she was responsible for servicing multiple industries, including medical, biotech, wine, welding and pharmaceutical. After more than 15 years in the private sector she recognized that her efforts could be better utilized on behalf of her Tribe. Before joining the Executive Council, Chairperson Treppa began her work for the Tribe as a volunteer for the Enrollment Committee in 2001 and also served as an influential member of the Tribe's Housing Committee.

Chairperson Treppa's ongoing efforts have contributed to the process of restoring the Tribe's land base and working toward the goal of economic self-determination and self-sufficiency. She was an invaluable part of the Tribe's gaming venture effort, Running Creek Casino, which opened in 2012. Not only did Chairperson Treppa serve as one of the Tribe's project management representatives for the construction of the casino, but she spearheaded funding negotiations for the casino while working with the county, state, and federal government to secure a gaming compact with California and guide it through the processes of state ratification and Department of Interior final review. Currently, in addition to her Tribal government role, Chairperson Treppa serves as President of the Tribe's e-commerce businesses, playing an essential role in raising capital, structuring, development, implementation and operations.

Chairperson Treppa has served as Vice Chairperson for the Native American Financial Services Association, for which she is also credited as a founding member; she has also served as a member of the California Indian Legal Services Board of Directors, the National Indian Gaming Association, and National Congress of American Indians delegation. Chairperson Treppa is often called upon to testify in her capacity as an experienced Tribal leader at legislative hearings for a variety of issues with the potential to impact Indian Country. She has been repeatedly recognized for her active commitment to Native American issues and their mission to achieve economic growth and long-term financial stability.

Chairperson Treppa was born in Lake County and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. She graduated with a bachelor of science from the University of San Francisco. She has two adult children and currently resides in Napa, California.



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