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Joe Membrino practices in Indian Law and Legislative & Regulatory Affairs. He is an AV-rated attorney through Martindale-Hubbell.

Highlights of Joe's legal career include:

- Obtained federal legislation securing a \$42 million judgment fund for payment of Indian tribal land claim.
- Wrote and oversaw enactment of legislation and executive branch implementation of program to
 restore one of the largest rivers in California and the fishery on which several Indian tribes depend. This
 activity accomplished the greatest reallocation of water (250,000 acre-feet annually) to environmental
 protection and "green" economic development in the 100-year history of the federal reclamation
 program.
- Wrote and oversaw enactment of legislation to restore to Indian tribe 2,600 acres of old growth forest land in California that had been wrongfully seized by the federal government in the 19th century.
- Negotiated Indian reserved water rights settlement on behalf of San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians, San Diego County, CA.