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Peter Ortego is the General Counsel for the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, where he has been employed since spring 2000. Peter received his Juris Doctor in 1993 from the University of Colorado, Boulder, and he received a B.A. in Philosophy in 1989 from the University of California, Berkeley. Peter has practiced law primarily in the areas of Indian Law, Criminal Law, and Family Law since 1994 and has practiced in Colorado state and federal courts, New Mexico federal courts, and the Court of Indian Offenses, Ute Mountain Ute Agency. Peter assists the Tribe in protecting its treaty hunting rights, preserving its lands that are rich in history and culture, establishing and maintaining relationships that promote outdoor tourism and recreation and promoting a healthy and sustainable environment.