In this lecture, Robert Rosette (JD ‘96) will discuss utilizing sovereignty as an economic development resource for developing a tribal government economy. In doing so, this lecture will discuss the legal risks tribes must maneuver to establish and evolve a business opportunity without the capital or employee resources needed to do so. In making his point, he will be looking at the current arm-of-the-tribe test to demonstrate how it’s becoming harder and harder for tribes to pursue self-determination and self-governance.

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