



# U.S. Department of the Interior Indian Affairs



## Assistant Secretaries - Indian Affairs 1977 – 2009

<b>Forrest J. Gerard</b> (Blackfeet) <sup>1/</sup>	<b>October 13, 1977 – January 19, 1980</b>
Sidney L. Mills (Oglala Sioux) <sup>4/</sup>	January – July 1980
Thomas W. Fredericks (Mandan-Hidatsa) <sup>3/</sup>	August 1980 – January 1981
<b>Thomas W. Fredericks</b> (Mandan-Hidatsa) <sup>1/</sup>	<b>January 2 – 16, 1981</b>
James F. Canan <sup>2/</sup>	January – May 1981
<b>Kenneth L. Smith</b> (Wasco) <sup>1/</sup>	<b>May 15, 1981 – December 7, 1984</b>
John W. Fritz (Cherokee) <sup>2/</sup>	December 1984 – December 1985
<b>Ross O. Swimmer</b> (Cherokee) <sup>1/</sup>	<b>December 5, 1985 – January 29, 1989</b>
William P. Ragsdale (Cherokee) <sup>2/</sup>	January – June 1989
<b>Dr. Eddie F. Brown</b> (Tohono O'Odham/Yaqui) <sup>1/</sup>	<b>June 26, 1989 – July 7, 1993</b>
<b>Ada E. Deer</b> (Menominee) <sup>1/</sup>	<b>July 16, 1993 – November 1997</b>
<b>Kevin Gover</b> (Pawnee) <sup>1/</sup>	<b>November 12, 1997 – January 3, 2001</b>
Michael J. Anderson (Muscogee Creek) <sup>2/</sup>	January 5 – 21, 2001
James V. McDivitt <sup>2/</sup>	January 22 – July 3, 2001
<b>Neal A. McCaleb</b> (Chickasaw) <sup>1/</sup>	<b>July 4, 2001 – December 31, 2002</b>
Aurene M. Martin (Bad River Band Chippewa) <sup>2/</sup>	January 5 – August 1, 2003
<b>David W. Anderson</b> (Lac Courte Oreilles Chippewa) <sup>1/</sup>	<b>February 2, 2004 – February 12, 2005</b>
James E. Cason <sup>5/</sup>	February 13, 2005 – March 8, 2007
<b>Carl J. Artman</b> (Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin) <sup>1/</sup>	<b>March 5, 2007 – May 23, 2008</b>
George T. Skibine (Osage) <sup>6/</sup>	May 23, 2008 - Present

<sup>1/</sup> Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs (ASIA) [in bold]

<sup>2/</sup> Acting Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

<sup>3/</sup> Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

<sup>4/</sup> Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

<sup>5/</sup> Associate Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior who assumed authorities, functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs pursuant to Secretarial Order #3259, as amended, dated August 11, 2005.

<sup>6/</sup> Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development – Indian Affairs and Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs. In accordance with the delegation of authority issued by Interior Deputy Secretary P. Lynn Scarlett on May 23, 2008, he temporarily assumed the responsibilities of the ASIA following the departure of Carl J. Artman.