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With a career spanning over 25 years, John Tahsuda has extensive experience in matters affecting Native Americans and tribal governments. John has recently returned as a principal to Navigators Global, LLC, a full-service issues management, government relations and strategic communications firm located in Washington, D.C. Before returning to Navigators, John served as Senior Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior after serving two years as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary–Indian Affairs.

Previous positions held include staff director of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, general counsel and legislative director of the National Indian Gaming Association, general counsel for the Oneida Indian Nation, and adjunct professor of law at Cornell Law School, where John taught courses on federal Indian law, policy and history. John has worked on a wide range of issues relating to federal policy and legislation affecting federal recognition, gaming, self-governance, natural resources, and Indian health care and education. John is dedicated to applying this experience and knowledge to the advancement of tribal sovereignty and the betterment of tribal communities.

John is a member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma. He is a graduate of Cornell Law School and Oklahoma State University. John is the proud father of triplets.