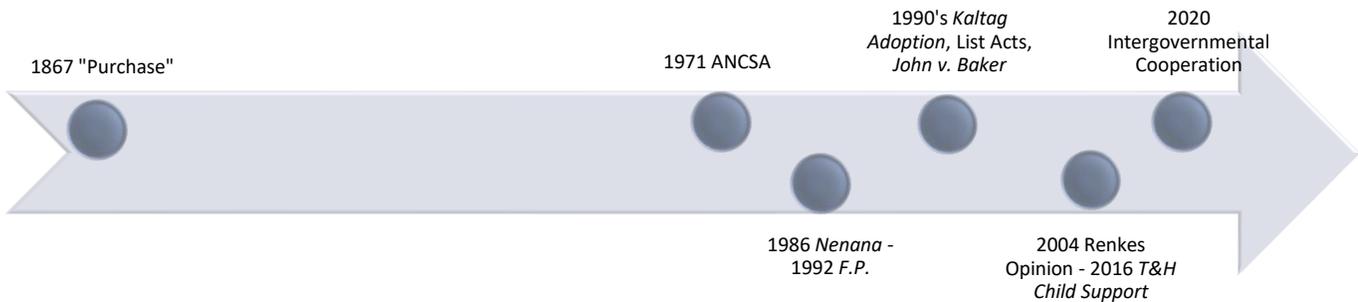


# TRIBAL LITIGATION IN ALASKA



- Over past 153 years, recognition of sovereign Alaska Native Tribes has been the norm
- Recent legal battles fighting recognition have been a painful and expensive aberration
- Federal and Alaskan authorities have recognized the existence of Alaska Native Tribes as independent, self-governing political groups via:
  - 1867 Treaty
  - Early 1900's federal reserves, allotments and townsites
  - 1930's Indian Reorganization Act
  - Public Law 280 extension of state jurisdiction to Indian Country in Alaska
  - 1970's inclusion of Alaska Native Tribes in ICWA, Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Indian Financing Act
  - Creation of corporate entities *in addition to* governmental entities in ANCSA
  - 1990's Interior and Congressional Lists
  - *Kaltag Adoption Case*: sovereign tribal authority to adjudicate adoption of tribal citizen children
  - *John v. Baker*: sovereign tribal authority to adjudicate custody
  - *Tanana/Parks*: sovereign tribal authority to adjudicate child protection
  - *T&H Child Support*: sovereign tribal authority to adjudicate child support