



**3rd Annual Tribal Leadership Conference
TRANSITIONS: New Directions in Tribal Leadership**

**Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort & Spa
March 22-23, 2010**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

SUNDAY, March 21st

Hotel Check-In
Registration (Tamaya E)

MONDAY, March 22nd

8:00 am	REGISTRATION
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Tamaya E **Registration**
Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 10:30 am	PLENARY SESSION
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Tamaya E **Invocation**
Santa Ana Pueblo Tribal Leader-invited

Welcome and Introductions
Helen B. Padilla and Sam P. Deloria

10:45 – 12:00 pm	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
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Bear A **Federal Indian Law and Sovereignty**
Rebecca Tsosie

This presentation will focus on the expression of sovereignty by Native Nations in the United States, with emphasis on its political, cultural, and legal dimensions. The presentation will provide an overview of the important principles of Federal Indian law and policy that affect tribal sovereignty and will focus on what Native Nations can do to enhance their own sovereignty as they continue to develop their institutions of governance, such as administrative structures and tribal court systems. The presentation will summarize key legal and policy issues facing tribal leaders in areas

such as jurisdiction, environmental protection, and cultural resources protection.

Bear B **Tribal Taxing Authority**
Joe Tenorio

Eagle A **Tribal Environmental Justice**
Panelists: Michael Chavarria, Brian Vallo, Theresa Pasqual, Milton Bluehouse, Jr., and Dr. Lloyd Lee

Upon taking office, tribal leaders are bombarded with a multitude of issues. One of the most important is the protection of tribal environmental and cultural resources in the context of Environmental Justice. Panelists with backgrounds in cultural resources preservation, environmental programs, and environmental justice within tribal communities will share their experiences on how best to protect tribal natural/environmental, and cultural resources, and how to develop successful working relationships with federal and state agencies.

Eagle B **Communicating A Message: Do I Write a News Release, Tweet, Facebook or Blog?**
L. Stephanie Poston and Kim Baca

This session will focus on how to effectively communicate a message to your community and policymakers using media such as print, television and radio. You will hear from a public relations perspective of "pitching" your story and a journalist perspective of what interests a reporter. Given the evolution of electronic media, part of the session will be brief overview of social marketing such as Twitter, Facebook and Blogs.

12:00 – 1:30 pm	LUNCH-Provided
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Tamaya E Keynote Address

1:45 – 3:00 pm	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
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Bear A **Tribal Considerations in Rights of Way & Lease Agreements Discussions**

Bear B **Sovereign Immunity**
Rodina Cave and Sam Deloria

Sometimes there is a misunderstanding about the meaning of Tribal sovereign immunity. Sovereign immunity is just one aspect

of Tribal sovereignty that has important implications for Tribes within the context of contract negotiations, tribal court jurisdiction, and economic development. This session will explore the basics of Tribal sovereign immunity to help leaders gain a better understanding of this legal concept and will help distinguish this term from the overall concept of Tribal sovereignty.

Eagle A

Challenges in Indian Policy Development in the Next Decade
Regis Pecos

Federal Indian policies have impacted our tribal governments and tribal communities over the last 100+ years. This session provides an opportunity for tribal leaders and members to reflect on how these policies have affected our core values as Indian people. An understanding of past policies is important to inform the development of sound Indian policies in the future, and underscores the responsibility of individuals, families and tribal governments in protecting and preserving our core values (culture, languages, and ways of life) for future generations.

3:00 – 3:15 pm	BREAK
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Tamaya E Light Refreshments

3:15 – 4:30 pm	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
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Bear A

Indian Case Law Update
Sherri Thomas

Case law is the body of law created by judges' written opinions on various subject matter (i.e., taxation, jurisdictional issues, criminal law, etc.) that are potentially binding unless overruled. It is important for tribal judges and tribal leaders to be aware of the current state of the law, especially cases relevant to federal Indian law and cases impacting tribal court jurisdiction. The presenter will provide an in-depth analysis on recent case law and rulings of interest to tribal courts.

Bear B

Southwest Intertribal Court of Appeals (SWITCA) Meeting
Helen B. Padilla

The American Indian Law Center's Southwest Intertribal Court of Appeals (SWITCA) provides an appellate court forum for tribes located in New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona and west Texas that may not have the financial means or governmental infrastructure to administer a court of appeals for tribal court decisions. SWITCA member tribes can bring cases before a panel of experienced

judges to render decisions at the appellate level at no cost. To learn how your tribe can be a member of SWITCA or if your tribe is already a member, you are encouraged to attend this meeting. Your input on SWITCA related appellate services provided to Tribes and Pueblos is important.

Eagle A

The Roles of In-House Attorneys, Corporate Counsel and Law Firm Attorneys

Maxine Velasquez, Kathy Gorospe, and Carolyn Abeita

Most tribes are now faced with many legal issues that impact their community on a daily basis. Deciding to hire an in-house tribal attorney, in-house corporate counsel for their economic enterprises or to have an outside law firm provide legal representation is an important and costly decision for tribal leaders. This session will cover the important factors that should be considered when deciding to hire in-house counsel, corporate counsel or law firms to provide legal representation and the different roles that each type of attorney can play in providing effective legal assistance to a Tribe.

Eagle B

Grant-Writing for Tribal Courts and Justice Funding

Dara Schulman, U.S. Department of Justice

This session will discuss strategies to successfully identify tribal court and other justice funding sources, and develop and write grant applications. The presentation will focus specifically on the Department of Justice's FY 2010 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation.

TUESDAY, March 23rd

8:00 am

REGISTRATION

Tamaya E

Registration
Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 10:30 am

PLENARY SESSION

Indian Issues Update

Federal and State Representatives

(Federal: Federal Budgets for Indian Programs, Adam Walsh Act, Tribal & Order Act, Census Bureau. State: Budget Outlook, Cigarette/Gas Taxes, Education, West Law- Opportunities for Tribal Courts)

10:45 – 12 pm

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Bear A **Tribal Code Development, A Significant Exercise in Tribal Sovereignty**

Gloria Valencia-Weber

It is critical that Pueblos and Tribes enact laws, develop codes, and build tribal courts that expressly and fairly address the issues on which state and federal interests can conflict. This session will cover some key cases and questions that tribes must understand to operate effective governments. Building blocks for constructing tribal law and courts as an exercise in tribal sovereignty will be discussed.

Bear B **Indian Case Law Update-Repeated Session**

Sherri Thomas

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Eagle A **A Tribe's Dilemma: The Pros & Cons of Hiring Lobbyists**

Charlie Dorame and Conroy Chino

Hiring outside lobbyists to advocate for your Tribe can be expensive. Often, Tribal leaders are more effective at lobbying because they know the issues and needs of their people. This advocacy takes time and requires Tribal leaders to travel and be away from their community. This session will discuss the advantages and disadvantages to hiring outside lobbyists and the reasons why Tribal leaders are sometimes the best advocates for fulfilling their community's needs."

Eagle B **Tribal Economic Development in Renewable Energy**

Dave Melton and Sandra Begay-Campbell

Learn what it takes to bring renewable energy technology to tribal lands as means of tribal economic development. This session will provide information on the various renewable energy media including photo-voltaics, solar thermal, and wind energy. The experienced presenters will discuss some of the first steps tribal leaders need to consider in pursuing this type of economic development for their communities.

12:00 – 1:30 pm	LUNCH-Provided
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Tamaya E

Closing Keynote Address
Tribal Leader

Closing Remarks
Helen B. Padilla

Closing Prayer
Tribal Leader