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## **John Echohawk is Keynote Speaker at Pre-Law Summer Institute's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference**

### **Gila River Indian Community is 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Benefactor Sponsor**

There is only one week left to register for the American Indian Law Center, Inc.'s ("AILC") Pre-Law Summer Institute ("PLSI") 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference and Dinner to be held on September 28-29, 2017 at the Isleta Resort and Casino, 1100 Broadway Blvd SE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87105. Our celebration will include a Kick-Off Mixer on Thursday, September 28, 2017, and an all-day CLE program (6.5 CLE credits), evening reception, silent auction, and banquet on Friday, September 29, 2017. We are pleased to announce that our **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Benefactor Sponsor is the Gila River Indian Community.**

The PLSI program, also referred to as the "Summer Program," started in 1967 with the mission of increasing the number of American Indian and Alaska Native law students and the number of Native American lawyers. Since then, over 1,200 Native Americans have gone through PLSI, many of whom have gone to law school with a law school graduation success rate of approximately 90%. PLSI students have gone on to work in all levels of tribal, state, and federal governments as well as private practice and industry.

Our CLE program, sponsored in part by the **Pokagon Band of Potawatomi** and the **Chickasaw Nation**, will look back on the past 50 years to reflect on the evolution of Indian law, tribal courts, the trust responsibility, and will highlight the accomplishments of 50 years of our alumni. Our Keynote Luncheon speaker is **John Echohawk, Executive Director of the Native American Rights Fund**, an alum from the very first PLSI class. The CLE agenda is available here: <https://www.aile-inc.org/registration/wp-content/uploads/cle-agenda.pdf>. We would like to thank our Keynote Luncheon Sponsors, **Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP** and the **Native American Rights Fund**, for making the Keynote Luncheon program possible.

We hope that you will join us for this event to commemorate the PLSI, which has contributed so much to the success of Native American law students in this country. We still have sponsorship opportunities available and we welcome donations for our silent auction. For more information about the PLSI 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, to register for the Kick-Off Mixer, CLE, Reception, and Dinner, or to donate to PLSI, please visit <https://www.aile-inc.org/registration/>. You may also contact Rodina Cave Parnall at [caveparnell@law.unm.edu](mailto:caveparnell@law.unm.edu) or call 505-277-5462. **Registration closes on September 14, 2017.**

If you are a PLSI alumnus or alumna, visit our PLSI Alumni Website to connect with your classmates before the event! <https://www.plsialumni.org/> Contact Rodina Cave Parnall at [caveparnell@law.unm.edu](mailto:caveparnell@law.unm.edu) for your login information.

### **About the American Indian Law Center, Inc.**

Established in 1967, the AILC is the oldest existing Indian-managed and Indian-operated legal and public policy organization in the country serving to strengthen, promote, and honor self-sustaining American Indian and Alaska Native communities through education, training, and leadership.

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