



1st Annual Tribal Leaders Conference
TRANSITIONS: Leadership in Indian Country

AGENDA

DAY 1, March 13, 2008

8:00-9:00 am Continental Breakfast and Registration

9:00-9:30 am Invocation-*Tribal Leader*

Tamaya D Welcome and Opening Remarks

*P. Sam Deloria, Director of the American Indian Graduate Center,
President of the Board of Directors, American Indian Law Center, Inc.
Helen B. Padilla Esq., Director, American Indian Law Center, Inc.*

9:30-10:30 am Plenary Session: Federal Indian Law and Sovereignty

Tamaya D *John LaVelle, Professor of Law, University of New Mexico School of Law*

10:30-10:45 am Break

10:45-12:00 pm Break Out Sessions:

Puma A —**Criminal Jurisdiction in Indian Country**
*Barbara Creel, Professor of Law, University of New Mexico
School of Law*

Puma B —**Understanding Federal & State Legislative Processes**
*Rebecca Martinez, Capital Outlay Manager, New Mexico
Department of Indian Affairs*
*Milton Bluehouse, Jr., Former Legislative Affairs Advisor The
Navajo Nation*

Puma C —**100 Years of Federal Indian Policy and Its Impact on Tribal
Communities**
*Regis Pecos, Chief of Staff for Speaker of the NM House of
Representatives, Ben Lujan*

12:00-1:30 pm Lunch and Keynote Speaker. Justice, Fair Play and Tribal Courts

Tamaya D *Frank Pommersheim, Professor of Law, University of South Dakota
School of Law*

DAY 1, March 13, 2008 Continued

1:30-2:30 pm

Break Out Sessions:

Puma A

—Panel: Leading Through Collaboration-Strategies for Strengthening Intergovernmental Relations

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Barbara Creel, Professor of Law, University of New Mexico School of Law

Helen B. Padilla Esq., Director, American Indian Law Center, Inc.

Puma B

—Commercial Law and the Uniform Commercial Code

Sarita Nair, Esq., Sutin, Thayer, and Browne, PC

Christina S. West, Esq., Sutin, Thayer, and Browne, PC

Puma C

—Degeneration of Tribal Court Jurisdiction

Christine Zuni-Cruz, Professor of Law, University of New Mexico School of Law

Wolf B

—Financial Statements 101

Bruce J. Puma, Jr., CPA and Associate Attorney, Swaim, Schrandt & Millet Law Firm

2:30-2:45 pm

Break

2:45-4:00 pm

Plenary Session: Exercising Sovereignty Through Tribal Courts

Frank Pommersheim, Professor of Law, University of South Dakota School of Law

Gloria Valencia-Weber, Professor of Law, University of New Mexico School of Law

Sam Winder, Of Counsel, Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.

DAY 2, March 14, 2008

8:00-9:00 am

Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:15 am

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Tamaya D

Helen B. Padilla Esq., Director, American Indian Law Center, Inc.

P. Sam Deloria, Director of the American Indian Graduate Center, President of the Board of Directors, American Indian Law Center, Inc.

9:15-10:00 am

Plenary Session: Federal Indian Legislation Update

Tamaya D

John Harte, Policy Director, U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Majority Staff

10:15-11:30 am

Break Out Sessions:

Puma A

—Understanding the Federal Budget Process

John Harte, Policy Director, U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Majority Staff

Puma B

—How To Be An Effective Tribal Advocate

Charlotte Little, CEO, Little and Associates, Inc.

Eli Il Yong Lee, Executive Director, Center for Civic Policy

Puma C

—Legal Research Skills

Sherri Thomas, Law Librarian and Assistant Professor of Law, University of New Mexico School of Law

Wolf B

—Sentencing and Detention

Patricia Broken Leg-Brill, Correctional Program Specialist, BIA, Office of Justice Services

Albert Banteah, Jr., Chief Judge, Picuris Pueblo

11:30-2:00 pm

Lunch and Keynote Speaker. Tribal Leadership Today

Tamaya D

Regis Pecos, Chief of Staff for Speaker of the NM House of Representatives, Ben Lujan

Closing Remarks

Helen B. Padilla Esq., Director, American Indian Law Center, Inc.

Closing Prayer-Tribal Leader

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