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November 7-8, 2024 | Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico
Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa

Agenda At-A-Glance

Thursday, November 7, 2024

4:30-6:30 PM CLE Conference Registration

6:00-8:30 PM Kick Off Mixer



Friday, November 8, 2024

7:30-8:30 AM Registration & Breakfast

8:30-8:45 AM Welcome

8:45-10:15 AM Session 1: Indigenizing Intellectual Property

10:15-10:30 AM Morning Break

10:30 AM-12:00 PM Session 2: On Stage Professionalism and Mentorship

12:15-1:15 PM Lunch (with mentorship activities)

1:30-3:30 PM Session 3: The Future of Tribal Courts

3:00-3:15 PM Afternoon Break

3:15-4:45 PM Session 4: Protecting the Sacred

5:00-6:30 PM Reception & Silent Auction

6:30-9:30 PM Dinner & Awards



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Greetings,

Welcome to the American Indian Law Center's PLSI Homecoming 2024! It has been 57 years since the founding of AILC, and it is with tremendous excitement and pride that we welcome you to this annual celebration.

This year we invite you to reflect on the sense of mentorship we've fostered across decades. Children and grandchildren of PLSI alumni have now gone through the program. We hope you connect with old friends and new friends alike during the mixer, the mentorship session, or somewhere in between.

AILC continues to grow our staff and program offerings and we could not do it without support from our donors and sponsors. Thank you for making our work - and this celebration - possible! We'd also like to thank Michael Toya, the artist who created the image of the hummingbird coming home to the flower for our conference materials.

Thank you for the time and effort it took to join us here at Santa Ana Pueblo. We are honored to share space with you in the name of learning and celebration.

Sincerely,

Rodina Cave Parnall

PLSI 1998, TA 1999, Professor 2011 and 2016
Executive Director
American Indian Law Center, Inc.

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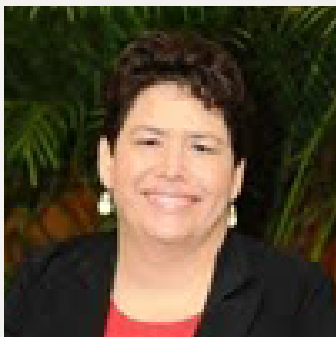
Rodina Cave Parnall,
AILC Executive Director,
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American Indian Law Center, Inc.

Established in 1967, the American Indian Law Center, Inc. (AILC) is the oldest existing Indian-managed and Indian-operated legal and public policy organization in the country. It serves to strengthen American Indian and Alaska Native communities through education, training, and leadership. AILC provides training and technical assistance to tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal courts; legal and policy analysis; and preparatory legal education to individuals. AILC accomplishes its mission by directing its focus on: the Pre-Law Summer Institute (PLSI); Policy and Legal Analysis; and the Southwest Intertribal Court of Appeals (SWITCA). Over the years, the AILC has worked with officials from more than 20 states, hundreds of tribes and Native American organizations, and has trained thousands of professionals and paraprofessionals. As a result, AILC has unique, in-depth knowledge of tribal institutions and tribal, state, and federal relations.

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Since 1967, AILC has been conducting the Pre-Law Summer Institute (PLSI), also known as the Special Scholarship Program for American Indians and Alaska Natives (SSP). PLSI is an intensive two-month program that prepares American Indian and Alaska Native individuals for the rigors of law school by essentially replicating the first semester. Likened to boot camp by many former participants, the PLSI teaches the unique methods of law school research, analysis, and writing. PLSI's success lies in its original and continuing intent – that it be based on sound legal education principles and not function as a philosophical, political, or cultural training ground. For more than five decades, AILC has remained dedicated to providing robust training in the skills required to study law.

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**THE FIRST TWO
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- Laptop reimbursements
- Annual law student book and fee allowances
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\$53,500

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STATE OR FEDERAL
JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP
SINCE 2016**

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Our People



Leadership

Executive Director | Rodina Cave Parnall (Quechua)

became the Executive Director of the American Indian Law Center, Inc. in July 2022 after serving five years as the Director of the Pre-Law Summer Institute for American Indians and Alaska Natives.



Rodina served by White House appointment as Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs in the U.S. Department of the Interior. Before that, she practiced law in New Mexico and Arizona representing Indian tribes and tribal entities in legal and administrative proceedings and on several large breach-of-trust cases in federal courts. Previously, Rodina served as an adjunct professor at the University of New Mexico School of Law and an Associate Judge on the Southwest Intertribal Court of Appeals (SWITCA). In 2014, she received the New Mexico State Bar Indian Law Section Outstanding Achievement Award. She graduated from Arizona State University College of Law with a Certificate in Indian Law and the Outstanding Law Graduate Award. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of Education from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Rodina clerked for the Honorable William C. Canby, Jr. on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Staff

Administrative Coordinator | Savannah R. Lee

is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation (Bit'ahnii – Folded Arms People born for Ts'ah yisk'idnii-Sage Brush Hill) serves as the Law Center's Administrative Coordinator and the Southwest Intertribal Court of Appeals (SWITCA) Court Clerk. She has been with the Law Center since August 2022. Lee received her Bachelor of Science in Public Health from New Mexico State University in 2018. Prior to AILC, she worked for Ideas for Cooking and Nutrition (ICAN), a New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service (NMSU CES), providing nutrition education to low-income and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligible participants with a focus on tribal communities in New Mexico.



AILC Project Coordinator | Danielle Montgomery

(Mvskoke Creek) is a Project Coordinator with the American Indian Law Center and a 2020 alumna of the Pre-Law Summer Institute (PLSI). She earned her J.D. from the University of New Mexico School of Law in 2023 and holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Irvine, which she received in 2016. While at UNMSOL, Danielle was a member of NALSA, served as an editor for the Tribal Law Journal, and worked as a Research Assistant with the AILC. Her law school legal experience includes interning as a law clerk in prosecutorial offices at the city (Los Angeles City Attorney's Office), county (Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, state (New Mexico DOJ), and federal (USAO DNM) levels in both California and New Mexico. Additionally, Danielle completed a data security internship in Washington, D.C., working with the Executive Office of the President's Office of Administration Information Technology and the Office of the Director of White House Information Technology.



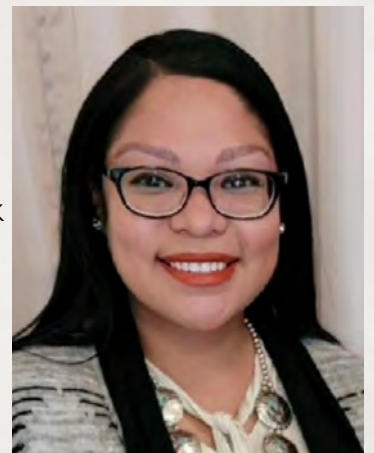
PLSI Project Coordinator | Scott Willie

(Diné) comes from the University of Utah, where they have worked for almost eight years in research and medical programming with the Native American Summer Research Internship and the Medical Scientist Training Program. Scott has received the 2017-18 Leadership in Inclusive Excellence Staff Award and the 2021 Staff Excellence Award in Health Academics District from the University of Utah. Scott has a passion for health policy, and they will complete a certificate in American Indian Health from Johns Hopkins University, Center for Indigenous Health. Scott's experiences in community outreach and community ways of knowing will support the Pre-Law Summer Institute participants. Scott received their bachelor's degree in Anthropology and Psychology from the University of New Mexico.



Administrative Assistant | Kandice Seum

is a Diné woman born and raised on the Navajo Nation. She is the Administrative Assistant for the American Indian Law Center, Inc. as of July 2024. She is an Alumna of UNM having graduated in 2008 with a Bachelor's in University Studies with a focus on Communications and Psychology. Other degrees are an Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice and an Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts. Previously, she worked for a private business that investigated the backgrounds and eligibility of potential employees to work with tribally affiliated businesses. Other experience includes administrative and financial work with the Navajo Nation's Emergency Rural Mapping department and local Chapter Houses within the Northern Agency of the Navajo Nation. She currently volunteers on committees within the Navajo Nation, such as the Authorized Local Emergency Response Team (ALERT, which responds to natural disasters/epidemic related crises) and Veterans organizations, such as AMVETS Post 120 and The Two Grey Hills Veterans Organization.



Research Assistants



Myka Autumn Curtis, Diné (Navajo Nation), is a current 3L at the University of New Mexico's School of Law and serves as the Native American Law Student Association President. She attended the Pre-Law Summer Institute in 2022 and returned as a Summer Teaching Assistant for Legal Advocacy in 2023. Currently, Myka is the Student Articles Editor of the UNM's Tribal Law Journal and works as a research assistant for the American Indian Law Center, Inc. She is passionate about helping Native American and Alaska Native students succeed in law school.



Hunter Mallinger (he/him/his) is a member of the Nome Eskimo Community. During the summer of 2024, he was the TA for Federal Indian Law and Advocacy at PLSI and is currently an AILC Research Assistant for Professor Sherri Thomas. He is a 2L at Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, and the sitting Vice President of ASU NALSA. Before law school, he graduated from Fort Lewis College and worked for the State of Alaska. Hunter was born and raised in Alaska, spending each summer working, hunting and fishing in rural communities and villages like Elfin Cove, Galena, Nome and Council. Outside of the library, you'll find him somewhere in the wilderness with his dog and best friend, Libby Riddles.



Mikaela Bledsoe Downes (Chickasaw/Winnebago) is a 2L at Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. She attended PLSI in 2023 and was the Lead Teaching Assistant in 2024. Currently, she works as a research assistant for the American Indian Law Center and American Indian Policy Institute. Mikaela is an avid animal lover and has a cat named Mookie. When it comes to red or green, she picks Christmas.



Amber M. Reano (Diné/Kewa Pueblo) is a research assistant and staff writer at the American Indian Law Center, Inc, and a third-year law student at the University of New Mexico School of Law. Prior to law school, she worked as a nonprofit professional at Big Brothers Big Sisters of CNM, Initiative for a Competitive Inner City, and First Nations Development Institute. Amber graduated with her B.A. in Public Health from Brown University in 2016.



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CLE Conference

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All times are listed in Mountain Time.

This course is approved by the Board of Bar Commissioners of the State Bar of New Mexico for 6 hours of credit, including 1.5 ethics CLE credits.

Indigenizing Intellectual Property: Protection and Development

1.5 CLE | 8:45 am-10:15 am

This panel will provide an overview of the basic concepts of intellectual property law (IP), including the differences between and protections offered by patents, trademarks, and copyrights. The panelists will focus on how IP protections can fall short of protecting current Indigenous intellectual properties that the Indian Arts and Crafts Acts' latest proposed amendments in the Amendments to Respect Traditional Indigenous Skill and Talent (ARTIST) Act are trying to address. Additionally, the panel will provide observations and recommendations regarding the use of IP by Tribal nations to foster Native entrepreneurship and protect against IP infringement and appropriation of both sacred Indigenous knowledge and secular works.

Carrie A. Frias, Partner, Patterson Ernhart Real Bird & Wilson LLP, Native Law Group

Sherri Nicole Thomas (Taos Pueblo), Professor & Assistant Director, Law Library, University of New Mexico School of Law

Samantha T. Wauls (Lakota/Lower Brule Sioux Tribe), Committee Member, National Native American Bar Association's Intellectual and Cultural Property Committee



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
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On Stage Professionalism and Mentorship

1.5 CLE [Professionalism] | 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Recent findings document the ongoing visibility issues Native Americans experience in the legal profession¹. These findings stem in part from a lack of meaningful professional development and mentoring². This panel seeks to respond to these findings through a demonstration of professionalism and mentorship on stage. Panelists, with a variety of experiences, will discuss various themes of professionalism from a range of perspectives. Professionalism themes will include but not be limited to maintaining objectivity, providing competent client representation, acting with competence, civility, and honesty, effective advocacy, promoting fairness, the public good, and the tension between client duties and duties to the court, and more. Panelists will specifically address mentorship, the benefits of mentorship, and obstacles to implementing mentorship, and offer practical insights on establishing and managing a mentorship relationship. Additionally, due to calls for more substantive mentoring opportunities from students, and new and older attorneys, attendees will be paired as potential mentors and mentees and will be guided by moderators in implementing the professionalism and mentorship themes discussed by the panelists³. By the end of the panel, attendees will understand what professionalism is and how it is used in the day-to-day legal profession and will have had a mentorship experience that can be carried forward and repeated.

Moderator: **Tierra Marks** (Navajo Nation), Senior Associate, Barnhouse Keegan Solimon & West LLP

Lenny Powell (Hopland Band of Pomo Indians), Staff Attorney in the Washington, Native American Rights Fund

Christina West (Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes), Partner, Barnhouse Keegan Solimon & West LLP

Heidi Todacheene (Navajo Nation), Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Office of the Secretary for the U.S. Department of the Interior

Alexander Mallory (Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska), Associate, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP

¹ Amber Reano, It Is Time to Recognize Native American Lawyers, American Bar Association ("ABA") (Jan. 22, 2024) (citing ABA data finding out of 1.3 million active lawyers, "one-half of 1% (0.5%) were Native American in 2022 –nearly unchanged from 0.6% a decade earlier") ("federal, state, and Tribal benches are still overwhelmingly non-Native."); Matthew Fletcher, SCOTUS Hearing List for Tuesday's Arguments + A Little Presidents' Day Commentary – Turtle Talk (Feb. 21, 2022) (since 2001, "37 individual Indian or tribal parties represented at oral argument in the Supreme Court. None of those parties were represented by an American Indian advocate. In only two cases did a women represent the Indian or tribe[.]"); Case Cep, Deb Haaland Confronts the History of the Federal Agency She Leads, New York Times (Apr. 29, 2024) (explaining Deb "Haaland became one of the first two Native women ever elected to Congress, along with Sharice Davids," and is the first Native American Cabinet Secretary).

² Excluded & Alone: Examining the Experiences of Native American Women in the Law and a Path Towards Equity, ABA 28 (2023).

³ Id. at 28-29 (finding individuals with various points on "career trajectories and frustrated with still needing to be mentored and wanting to mentor at the same time. These groups expressed the desire to be mentors but were not plugged into network of potential mentees." And, recommending as No. 7 to "[c]reate cross-generational mentoring circles" and substantive connections, which are "necessary for the long-term wellness and success of Native American women in the legal profession." And, identifying as responsive to study results and aimed at addressing barriers and challenges to legal practice, "panels . . . that ideally will include interactive breakout sessions to discuss the varied concerns of the participants.").

The Future of Tribal Courts – A Forum for Safety: TLOA, VAWA, or Nada

1.5 CLE | 1:30 pm-3:00 pm

Tribal courts play a crucial role in maintaining the sovereignty, culture, and legal integrity of Indigenous Nations. Understanding their importance involves exploring various dimensions, including their historical context, jurisdiction, and contemporary challenges. During this panel, we will hear from judges and experts on the successes and challenges of implementing the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA) provisions to enhance jurisdiction. We will also discuss how we can work collectively to continue building the integrity of our court systems with the goal of providing healing and safety within our communities and avoiding unnecessary conflicts in achieving justice.

Matthew L.M. Fletcher (Grand Traverse Band), Harry Burns Hutchins Collegiate Professor of Law, Michigan Law; Judge, various tribal appellate courts

Roshanna K. Toya (Pueblo of Isleta), Attorney, Rothstein Donatelli

Judge Meredith Drent (Osage Nation of Oklahoma), Associate Judge, Tulalip Tribal Court

Josett Monette (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians), Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department

Protecting the Sacred – Tools for Protecting Sacred Sites and Cultural Heritage Items

1.5 CLE | 3:15 pm-4:45 pm

Protecting sacred places and cultural heritage items is challenging because the United States' laws often fail to protect lands, waters, other features of the natural landscape, and other items that are integral to traditional cultural practices and ways of life. The panel will explore the complexities of protecting sacred places and cultural heritage items by examining the shortcomings of federal law and discussing new tools such as the Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony (STOP) Act.

Matthew Campbell (Native Village of Gambell), Deputy Director, Native American Rights Fund

Joaquin Gallegos (Jicarilla Apache Nation | Pueblo of Santa Ana), Advisor, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs

Aaron Sims (Pueblo of Acoma), Partner, Chestnut Law Offices, P.A.

Presenter Biographies



Samantha T. Wauls (PLSI 2019) (Lakota/Lower Brule Sioux Tribe) works as a Legal Fellow for the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians in Southern California and serves on the National Native American Bar Association's Intellectual and Cultural Property Committee. Ms. Wauls completed a yearlong Entertainment Law & Policy Fellowship working at the Motion Picture Association and NBC Universal. As an Entertainment Law Fellow, she worked on a variety of copyright and trademark issues and performed extensive legal research on anti counterfeiting and anti piracy strategies to address large-scale copyright and trademark infringement. Prior to law school, Samantha was

a consultant for the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department to help implement the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women's (MMIW) Task Force Act. She worked as a Project Manager for the National Center for Victims of Crime. She was also a teacher for her tribal community for two years. Samantha received her Bachelor of Arts in African American Studies from California State University, Northridge in 2011 and earned her Juris Doctor from the UNM School of Law in the fall of 2022 while active in NALSA and President of the Intellectual Property Society.



Carrie A. Frias is a partner of Patterson Ernhart Real Bird & Wilson LLP, Native Law Group. Her current practice focuses on Indian law, trademarks, copyrights, and issues of tribal jurisdiction. Recently, Carrie served as General Counsel for the Indian Affairs Department for the State of New Mexico. Previously, Carrie was Chief General Counsel for the Pueblo of Pojoaque where she was second chair in the Pueblo's bad faith litigation against the State of New Mexico in federal court. Carrie also worked as an Associate for Anderson Indian Law. At Anderson Indian Law, Carrie lobbied on behalf of tribes in Washington D.C. and assisted in passing the tribal provisions in the

VAWA Reauthorizations. Before relocating to Washington D.C., Carrie served as a prosecutor at the Hopi Tribe and the Pueblo of Laguna. Carrie also worked as a public defender and prosecutor for the State of New Mexico. She is passionate about defending the rights of Native women and children who are victims of crime.



Professor Sherri Nicole Thomas (PLSI TA 2003) serves as the Assistant Director of the Law Library for the University of New Mexico School of Law (UNMSOL). She provides presentations on diversity issues and other substantive areas of law, including Federal Indian, Tribal and Copyright Law. Additionally, she regularly teaches in the American Indian Law Center's Pre-Law Summer Institute (PLSI), aimed at preparing American Indian students for their law school experience. She has previously served as the Associate Dean of Institutional Culture and Equity at UNMSOL. Through that role, she has also served on the New

Mexico Supreme Court Equity and Justice Commission, as well as the University of New Mexico's Liaisons in Equity and Advocacy for Diversity (LEAD) Council. Sherri is Black and an enrolled member at Taos Pueblo. She grew up on the Dine (Navajo) Reservation. Before graduating from the UNMSOL in 2005 with an Indian Law certificate, Sherri worked as the Information Manager for Environmental Risk Analysis, Inc., a bio-litigation consulting firm, and as a Database Specialist/Cataloger for Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati, PC.





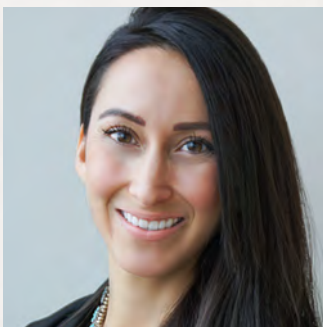
Tierra Marks (PLSI 2014) is a member of the Navajo Nation and is a first-generation law graduate and lawyer. Tierra spent her early years on the Navajo Nation before she moved to a small town in southern Arizona, and then to the Big Island of Hawai'i. Tierra's work at Barnhouse Keegan Solimon & West, LLP, ranges from complex litigation and discovery to employment, contract, and construction disputes, bid protests, land disputes, taxation matters, natural resources and environmental regulation, and sovereign immunity and tribal jurisdiction. Tierra litigates at trial and appellate levels in tribal, state, and federal courts, and administrative hearings. Tierra holds a JD Degree and a Certificate in Indian Law from the University of New Mexico School of Law and a BA in Ethnic Studies from the University of Colorado Boulder. Since graduating from law school, Tierra has served as an adjunct professor for the Tribal Law Journal and taught the Tribal Law Journal Seminar at the University of New Mexico School of Law.



Lenny Powell (PLSI 2013) is a Staff Attorney in the Washington, D.C. office of the Native American Rights Fund. He previously worked in the Appellate and Supreme Court and Native American Law practices of a major international law firm. Lenny advocates for tribal interests before state and federal courts throughout the country, including the U.S. Supreme Court. He is also an adjunct professor of federal Indian law at New York University School of Law. At the Supreme Court, Lenny has helped win six cases on the merits and successfully opposed dozens of petitions for certiorari. Before law school, Lenny was an elected leader of his federally recognized tribe—the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians. Lenny graduated from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review. He clerked for Judge Allison H. Eid of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and Judge Beryl A. Howell of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.



Christina West is currently a partner at Barnhouse Keegan Solimon & West LLP and has over two decades of legal experience in private practice. As a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and in honor of all that her ancestors endured and fought for, Christina values providing quality services to tribes, tribal members, tribal entities, and other clients in a wide range of matters. Christina has served as Chair of the Indian Law Section of the New Mexico Bar Association and Board President, Vice-President and Secretary for the Domestic Violence Resource Center. Christina holds a BA, cum laude, from the University of Tulsa. She holds a JD from the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, with a certificate in Federal Indian Law and distinctions for pro bono services. She is currently licensed in the Navajo Nation; New Mexico State Court; the U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, and the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.



Heidi Todacheene (PLSI 2012) is a citizen of Navajo Nation who serves as Senior Advisor to the Secretary and the Executive Director of the Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC) at the U.S. Department of the Interior. Previously, Heidi served as Legislative Counsel for Congresswoman Deb Haaland and Director of the Congressional Native American Caucus in the United States Congress. Previously, Heidi worked on intergovernmental affairs, economic development, and public safety issues on behalf of her Nation, served at the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department, and as a civil litigation attorney in Albuquerque. Heidi is the first in her family to attend law school and graduated from the University of New Mexico School of Law. She is licensed in New Mexico, Washington D.C., and the U.S. District Court for New Mexico.



Alexander Mallory (PLSI 2016) (Hakikóx Walu Piga—"makes his way") (Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska) is an Associate at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP. Before this, Alexander clerked for the Honorable Diane J. Humetewa at the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona and for the Honorable Daniel H. Weiss at the U.S. Immigration Court through the Department of Justice Honors Program. He also clerked for the Honorable Paul Nihoul at the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg City, Luxembourg. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. He is a 2016 PLSI alumnus.



Matthew L.M. Fletcher (PLSI Professor) is the Harry Burns Hutchins Collegiate Professor of Law at Michigan Law. He teaches and writes in the areas of federal Indian law, American Indian tribal law, Anishinaabe legal and political philosophy, constitutional law, federal courts, and legal ethics. He also sits as the chief justice of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. He is a member of the Grand Traverse Band. He previously taught at the Michigan State University College of Law (2006 to 2022) and the University of North Dakota School of Law (2004 to 2006). He has been a visiting professor at the law schools at the University of Arizona; the University of California, Hastings; the University of Michigan; the University of Montana; and Stanford University. He is a frequent instructor at the Pre-Law Summer Institute for American Indian students.



Roshanna K. Toya (PLSI 2016) is an enrolled member of the Pueblo of Isleta, where she was born, raised, and resides today. Roshanna earned her Juris Doctorate from the University of New Mexico. After graduating from law school, Roshanna went on to clerk for the New Mexico Court of Appeals and the U.S. District Court, District of New Mexico. Roshanna practices law in New Mexico and Arizona with the regional law firm Rothstein Donatelli in the areas of criminal defense, in the firm's civil practice on behalf of plaintiffs, and in Indian law, including representing tribes in ICWA cases. Roshanna has been recognized as Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America for her expertise in criminal defense and Native American Law. Roshanna has served her Pueblo as an associate

justice for the Pueblo of Isleta Appellate Court since 2013. She also serves as a member of the New Mexico Board of Bar Examiners and as a member of the PLSI's Judicial Clerkship Committee.



Justice Meredith Drent is a citizen of the Osage Nation of Oklahoma and a descendant of the Indigenous Chamorro (Chamoru) people of Guam. She obtained her B.A. from the University of California, Irvine and her J.D. with a certificate in Federal Indian Law from the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. Judge Drent has dedicated her legal education and twenty-year career to community-based services in tribal communities as expressions and exercises of tribal sovereignty. Prior to obtaining her legal education, she served as a court clerk for the Osage Nation Tribal Court, which fueled her interest in tribal justice and tribal court administration and operation. In May 2021, the Tulalip Tribes Board of Directors appointed Judge Drent to the

Tulalip Tribal Court as part-time Associate Judge, and she transitioned to a full-time Associate Judge in November 2021. She is on the Board of Directors for the Northwest Tribal Court Judges Association and the National American Indian Court Judge's Association.



Josett Monette (PLSI 2012) is a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians. She currently serves as the Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department (IAD). Prior to joining IAD, Josett was the New Mexico Legal Aid Native American Program Director. Josett is an Adjunct Professor for the University of New Mexico School of Law National Native American Law Student Association ("NALSA") Moot Court Team. She holds a JD, with a certificate in Indian Law from UNM School of Law, a M.Ed. in Educational Leadership, B.S.Ed. in Secondary Education – Social Sciences, and B.A. in (American) Indian Studies from the University of North Dakota.



Matthew Campbell (PLSI 2005) joined the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) as a staff attorney in March 2013 and became the Deputy Director in 2022. Prior to joining NARF, Matthew was an attorney with Cuddy & McCarthy, LLP, in New Mexico, and clerked for the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One, with now-retired Judge Patrick Irvine in 2008. Matthew received his J.D. from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University in 2008 and his B.A. from Fort Lewis College. He is an enrolled member of the Native Village of Gambell on Saint Lawrence Island in Alaska.



Joaquin Gallegos (PLSI 2016) (Jicarilla Apache Nation | Pueblo of Santa Ana) serves as the Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. He recently served as a law clerk to Judge Allison H. Eid on the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Previously, Joaquin served as a legislative staff attorney to the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. He has also served as a legal fellow to former Senator Tom Udall on the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and as a policy fellow to former Senator Byron Dorgan at the Aspen Institute. Joaquin graduated from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Pre-Law Summer Institute for American Indians and Alaska Natives, and the University of Colorado Denver.



Aaron Sims (PLSI 2011), a member of the Pueblo of Acoma, is a partner at the Chestnut Law Offices, P.A. in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Aaron joined the Chestnut Law Offices in 2014 after receiving a J.D. with an Indian Law Certificate from the University of New Mexico – School of Law. Prior to attending law school, Aaron graduated from Dartmouth College in 2009 with a B.A. in Government and Native American Studies. Currently, he serves as a member of AILC's Board of Directors for and the Chamiza Foundation. Aaron's practice focuses primarily on general counsel representation for Pueblo tribal governments and organizations. He has worked on a wide range of Indian legal issues including intergovernmental relations, environmental issues, tribal economic development, and water rights. Aaron has worked extensively on and is especially interested in the protection of Pueblo cultural resources, including the preservation of sacred sites and the repatriation of sacred items.



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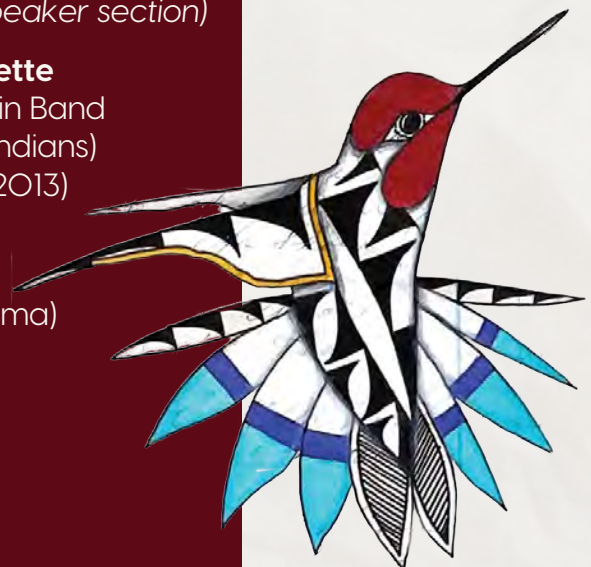
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1975

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1979

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Robert Laurence

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1981

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1985

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Robert Laurence
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1988

Robert Laurence
Ted Occhialino
Fred Ragsdale
Rob Schwartz
Jeanette Wolfley

1989

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Kevin Gover
Gary Kelder
Robert Laurence
Ted Occhialino

1990

Barbara Bergman
Michael Browde
Placido Gomez
Nell Newton
Ted Occhialino

1991

Placido Gomez
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Ted Occhialino
Alex Skibine

1992

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Placido Gomez
Robert Laurence
Ted Occhialino

1993

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Mary Jo Brooks
Jennifer Davis Hall
Nell Newton
Ted Occhialino

1994

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Nell Newton
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Jana Walker

1995

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1996

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2001

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2002

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Rebecca Tsosie

2003

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Stewart Paley
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Melissa Tatum

2004

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Rebecca Tsosie
Clark Varnell

2005

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Matthew Fletcher
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Stewart Paley
Clement Rogers

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2008

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2009

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2010

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Earth

2011

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Francine Hatch
John LaVelle
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EagleWoman
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Matthew Fletcher
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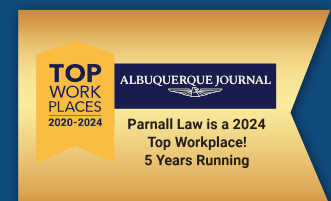
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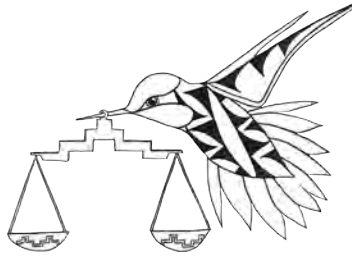
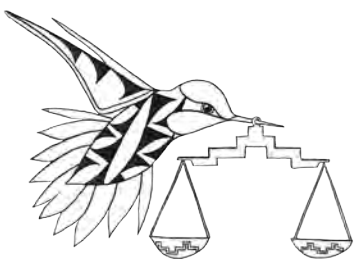


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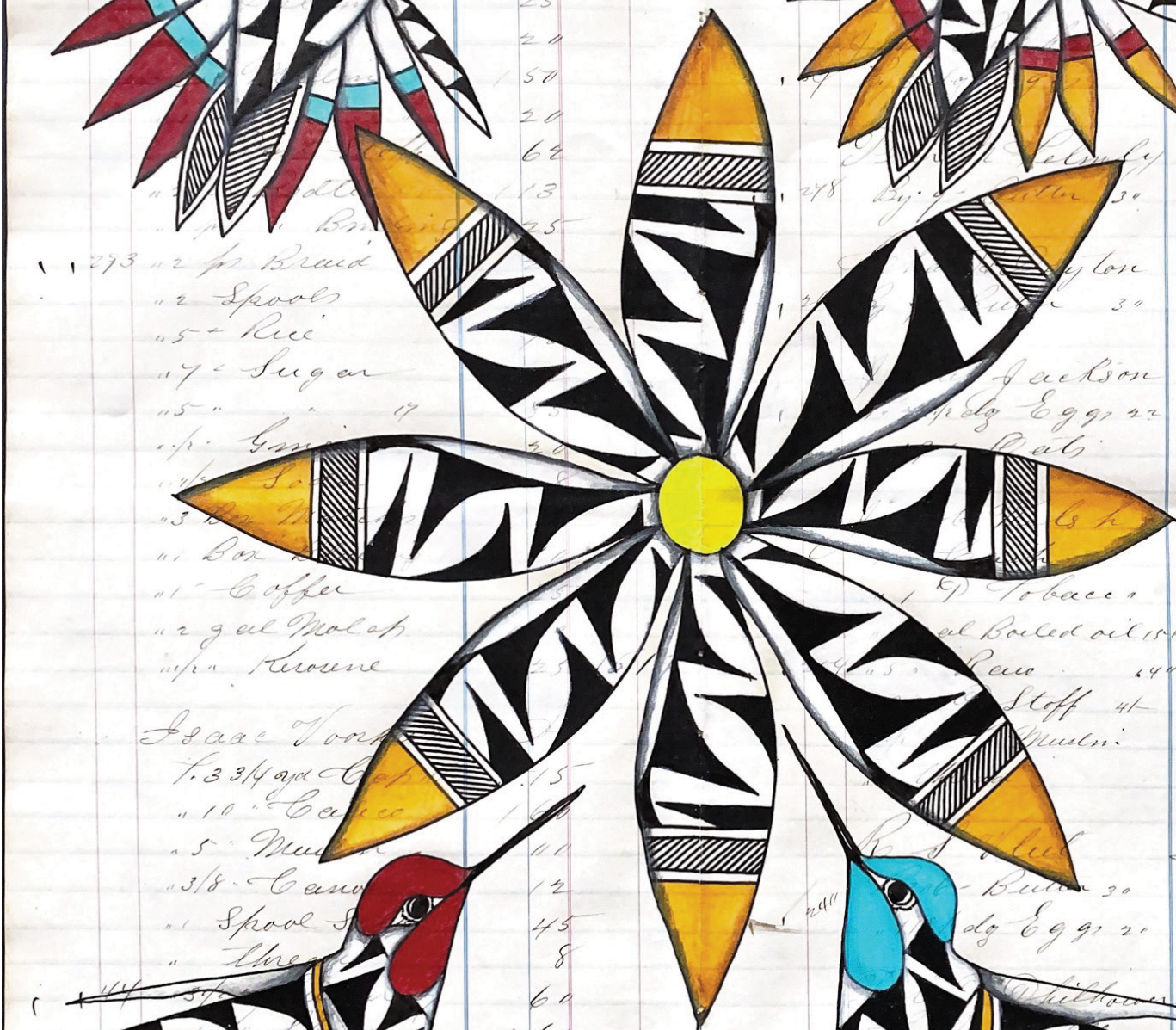
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