



AGENDA

Monday, September 30, 2019

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Pre-Registration (Prefunction AB) / Hotel Check-in Front Desk

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Registration (Prefunction AB)

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast (Prefunction AB)

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Invocation and Welcome (Cimarron)

Honorable Jay Garcia, Lt. Governor, Pueblo of Santa Ana

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

Plenary Session: Federal Update – Untangling the News from the Nonsense

Gregory A. Smith, Partner, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Morning Break sponsored by Chestnut Law Offices, P.A.

10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

Session 1: Federal Budget Process – How It Works, Why It Matters and How Tribal Nations Fare (Sacramento East)
Gregory A. Smith, Partner, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP

Session 2: Reaffirming Tribal Sovereignty in the Spirit of Educational Excellence, Empowerment, and Healthy Children, Families, and Communities (Sacramento West)
UNM Native American Budget and Policy Institute:
Cheryl Demmert Fairbanks, Esq., Interim Executive Director; Christy Chapman, Staff Attorney and Jasmine Yepa, Policy Analyst

- 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch sponsored by Barnhouse, Keegan, Solimon & West, LLP (Cimarron)
- Plenary Session: U.S. Census 2020: How to Avoid an Undercount of Native Americans and Alaska Natives
- Panelists: Amber Carrillo, Tribal Partnership Specialist, U.S. Census Bureau; Laurie Weahkee, Executive Director, Native American Voters Alliance Education Project; and Timothy Harjo, Director, Small Business Development Center, CNM Community College
- 1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**
- Session 1: Congressional Advocacy - Effective Lobbying (Sacramento East)
Milton Bluehouse, Jr., Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the President and Vice President of the Navajo Nation
- Session 2: Federal Indian Law: The Basics (Sacramento West)
Jeanette Wolfley, Professor of Law, UNM School of Law
- 3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Afternoon Break sponsored by VanAmberg, Rogers, Yepa, Abeita & Gomez, LLP
- 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**
- Session 1: New Mexico Tribal Cigarette Tax: A Case Study (Sacramento East)
Carolyn J. Abeita, Partner, VanAmberg, Rogers, Yepa, Abeita & Gomez, LLP
- Session 2: Strengthening Tribal Justice Systems by Empowering Native Attorneys: the Benefits of Judicial Clerkships (Sacramento West)
Rodina Cave Parnall, Pre-Law Summer Institute Director (PLSI), AILC; Racheal M. White Hawk, PLSI Judicial Clerkship Program Committee Co-Chair, Associate Attorney at Procopio; and A. Nikki Borchardt Campbell, Executive Director, National American Indian Court Judges Association
- 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Evening Reception sponsored by Procopio (Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, door prizes, and entertainment) (Cimarron)

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

- 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Registration (Prefunction AB)
- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast (Prefunction AB)
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m. Welcome (Cimarron): Helen B. Padilla, Esq., Director, AILC

- 9:10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Plenary Session: Native American Voting Initiatives (Cimarron)
Moderator: Martin W. Aguilar, Liaison, Native American Election Information Program, NM Secretary of State's Office
Panelists: Arden Kucate (Chairman), Laurie Weahkee and Amanda Tolino, Members of the Native American Voting Task Force, NM Secretary of State's Office; and Peter Madalena, Native American Voting Rights Coordinator, Sandoval County
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Break sponsored by Laguna Development Corporation
- 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**
- Session 1: Update by the NM Indian Affairs Department on State-Tribal Affairs in New Mexico (Sacramento East)
Lynn A. Trujillo, Cabinet Secretary, and Stephanie Salazar, Senior Policy Analyst, NM Indian Affairs Department
- Session 2: Indian Case Law Update (Sacramento West)
Sherri N. Thomas, Professor of Law Librarianship, UNM School of Law
- 12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch sponsored by New Mexico Gas Company (Cimarron)
- Keynote: Tribes, Tribal Courts, and Tribal Sovereignty: New Opportunities and Old Challenges
Frank Pommersheim, Emeritus Professor of Law, University of South Dakota School of Law
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**
- Session 1: Environmental Justice in Indian Country (Sacramento East)
Clifford Villa, Professor of Law, UNM School of Law
- Barriers to Climate Adaptation: Supporting Tribal Resilience
Maurice P. Cruz, NM Tribal Liaison, South Central Climate Adaptation Science Center
- Session 2: Tribal Court Clerk Training: Fundamental Court Processes (Sacramento West)
Helen B. Padilla, Esq., Director, and Melanie P. Fritzsche, Assistant Director & Staff Attorney, AILC
- 2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Closing Remarks and Closing Prayer (Cimarron)
Helen B. Padilla, Esq., Director, AILC
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