

Annual TICA Conference

October 17-18, 2024 | Santa Barbara, CA
Welcome Reception October 16

Pre-Conference: October 16th, 2024

- 1:00-4:30pm** **A Review of the Standards for Attorneys Representing Tribal Governments in State ICWA Proceedings**
Addie Smith, Consultant, The Whitener Group
Kimberly Cluff, Legal Director, California Tribal Families Coalition
Moderator: Cassandra Church (Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians), Justice Associate, The Whitener Group
- 5:30pm** **Welcome Reception**

Day 1: October 17th, 2024

8:15am **Registration and Morning Caffeine**

- 8:45am** **Welcome**
- 9:00-9:45am** **In Our Times: An In-House Perspective on Tribal Advocacy.**
Stephen Greetham, Principal, Greetham Law, P.L.L.C
- 10:00-12:00pm** **The ISDA at 50 and Continued Fight for Tribal Resources—Contract Support Costs and the 105(l) Lease Program**
Katie Brossy (Ponca Tribe of Nebraska (enrolled) and Santee Sioux), Senior Counsel, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP
Jody Cummings (Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina), General Counsel, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation
Jason Freihage, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Management, ASIA, DOI
Rebecca (Becca) Patterson, Partner, Sonosky Law Firm
- 12:00-1:00pm** **Lunch**
- 1:00-2:00pm** **Leveraging Federal Programs and Philanthropic Efforts to Develop Tribal Clean Energy Technologies**
Kimberly A. Dutcher (Navajo), Government Relations Advisor, Native American Affairs, Direct Relief
Suedeem Kelly, Partner, Jenner & Block LLP
Moderator: Krystalyn Kinsel (Navajo), Special Counsel, Jenner & Block LLP
- 2:15-3:45pm** **Leasing and Right-of-Way Needs for Tribal Energy Development**
Lindsey Dollman (Pechanga Band of Indians), Senior Associate General Counsel, Pechanga Band of Indians
Pilar Thomas (Pascua Yaqui), Partner, Quarles & Brady LLP
Breann Nu'uhiwa, Principal, Kūpono Policy Solutions LLC
Moderator: Krystalyn Kinsel, Special Counsel, Jenner & Block LLP
- 4:00-5:30pm** **Tips from the Trenches for Tribal Sovereign Immunity Waivers**
Dan Rey-Bear, Partner, Rey-Bear McLaughlin, LLP
Sam Cohen, Government Affairs and Legal Officer, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians
Denise Turner Walsh (Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians), Attorney General, Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians
Moderator: Peter Ortego, General Counsel, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
- 5:30pm** **Reception**

Day 2: October 18th, 2024

8:15am **Morning Caffeine**

- 8:30-10:00am** **SCOTUS, the Seminole Compact, and Sports Wagering – What Was (and Was Not) Said and Why the Denial of Cert Matters in West Flagler Associates, Ltd. v. Haaland**
Steve M. Bodmer (Edisto Natchez-Kusso Tribe of South Carolina), General Counsel, Pechanga Band of Indians
Scott Crowell, Owner, Crowell Law Office - Tribal Advocacy Group PLLC
Michael Hoenig, Vice President, Associate General Counsel – Gaming, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
Moderator: Tim Evans, (Haliwa-Saponi Tribe of North Carolina) Deputy General Counsel, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
- 10:15-12:15pm** **The Fight to Protect and Preserve Tribal Sacred Sites and Cultural Resources for Future Generations**
Chase Velasquez (White Mountain Apache Tribe), Senior Associate, Rothstein Donatelli LLP
Lydia Locklear (Lumbee), Deputy Tribal Attorney, Catawba Nation
Sam Daughety, Counsel, Dentons US LLP
Moderator: Allison K. Athens, Associate Attorney, Rothstein Donatelli, LLP
- 12:15-1:15pm** **Lunch**
- 1:15-2:15pm** **Competency, Confidentiality, and Candor for Your AI-Powered Practice**
Laura Lemire (Grand Portage Band of the Minnesota Chippewas), Privacy and Security Attorney, Schwabe
Lisa Loo, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Arizona State University, Office of General Counsel
Moderator: Harrison W. Rice (Sac & Fox Nation of Oklahoma), Assistant Attorney General, Tohono O'odham Nation
- 2:30-4:00pm** **Indian Child Welfare Act Enforcement: A conversation about how and why Tribes might enforce rights under ICWA**
Kathryn Kate E. Fort, Director of Clinics, Michigan State University College of Law
April Olson, Partner, Rothstein Donatelli LLP
Sunshine Manuel (Gila River Indian Community), Senior Counsel, Gila River Indian Community
Moderator: Cassandra Church (Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians), Justice Associate, The Whitener Group

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