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**Opening Remarks ..... 9:30–9:45 a.m.**

**Creative Strategies for Budget Politics: Meeting the Financial Needs of Indian Country in an Era of Shrinking Budgets ..... 9:45–10:45 a.m.**

**MODERATOR:** VANESSA RAY-HODGE, AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD, LLP; **KATHERINE BRODIE**, COUNSEL, AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD, LLP; **ALLISON BINNEY**, MAJORITY STAFF DIRECTOR, U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS; **RYAN SMITH (INVITED)**, LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL, SEN. JON KYL (ARIZ.)

This panel will explore innovative ways to pursue funding opportunities outside of the normal “Indian” context to fill the ever-present gap in available funds for Indian Country priorities. We will focus on how to fully utilize all resources on Capitol Hill to meet the funding needs of your clients and Indian Country in general. Lastly, we will also discuss recent accomplishments to fix funding gaps for critical Indian programs and how to develop and utilize these opportunities in the future, with particular emphasis and thinking on how things may change with the new administration and Congress.

**Winning Over the Roberts Court in Indian Law Cases: A Continuing Dialogue ..... 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

**RICHARD A. GUEST**, STAFF ATTORNEY, NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND; **PATRICIA ANN MILLETT**, PARTNER, AKIN GUMP; **TONY MAURO**, SUPREME COURT CORRESPONDENT, *LEGAL TIMES/AMERICAN LAWYER MEDIA*; **DAVID FREDERICK**, PARTNER, *KELLOGG, HUBER, HANSEN, TODD, EVANS & FIGEL*

With the decision in *Plains Commerce Bank v. Long Family Land & Cattle Co.*, 128 S.Ct. 2709 (Jun. 25, 2008), issued last term, Chief Justice Roberts has assumed a prominent role in determining the future direction of Indian law jurisprudence before the U.S. Supreme Court. This panel will examine, from a variety of perspectives, what we can learn about the Roberts Court generally, and the potential direction of Indian law, from the first major Indian law case of the Roberts era.

**Luncheon Presentation ..... 12:45–2:00 p.m.**  
**DAVID BERNHARDT**, SOLICITOR OF THE DEPT. OF INTERIOR (INVITED)

**Existing Disparities and New Opportunities: The Role of Tax Policy in Native American Economic Development ..... 2:15–3:30 p.m.**

**MODERATOR:** ED GEHRES, PATTON BOGGS LLP; **GAVIN CLARKSON**, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER; **KATHLEEN NILLES**, PARTNER, HOLLAND & KNIGHT; **HERBERT F. STEVENS (INVITED)**, PARTNER, NIXON PEABODY LLP

Current tax policy both constrains tribal action and provides exciting opportunities for growth and development in Indian Country. Congress is currently working to address tax provisions that disadvantage tribes – such as inequitable rules regarding tax exempt bond issues – while also working to reauthorize innovative programs such as the New Market and Renewable Energy Tax Credits. This panel will examine the prospects of policy change with the coming change in administration and a new Congress, as well as strategies for the effective use of economic development tools grounded in tax policy.

**Advocating Effectively Under New Lobbying and Ethics Rules ..... 3:45–5:00 p.m.**

**JOHN C. SASSAMAN (INVITED)**, CHIEF COUNSEL, U.S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS; **ROBERT K. TOMPKINS**, OF COUNSEL, PATTON BOGGS LLP

This panel will highlight recent changes to federal lobbying and ethics laws, focusing particularly on ways in which new requirements impact tribal governments and those advocating on their behalf. Panelists will discuss basic requirements and restrictions, commonly encountered mistakes, and best practices to ensure compliance.

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