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**LAWRENCE S. ROBERTS**  
General Counsel, National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC)  
Washington, D.C.

**PRISCILLA A. WILFAHRT**  
Field Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior  
Saint Paul

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attendance at the seminar!



# SCHEDULE

Friday, March 4, 2011

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

CHECK-IN & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

PRAYERS & WELCOME

9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

## Case Law Update

This session will address pending cases and recent decisions from the U.S. Supreme Court, 7th and 8th Circuits, and Minnesota State Courts.

– Colette Roulet  
William Mitchell College of Law

9:45 – 9:55 a.m.

BREAK

9:55 – 10:55 a.m.

## Breakout Session A

### 1) Foreign Judgment Collection and Bankruptcy

The economic downturn is affecting everyone, including tribal members. This presentation will address developing issues regarding the execution of foreign judgments in tribal courts, foreclosures, and tribal member bankruptcy actions. The presentation will include what every attorney should know about per capita payments and the current interpretation by Minnesota State Courts and Federal Bankruptcy Courts.

– Heidi A. Drobnick  
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### 2) “Hot Topics” in Federal and State Taxation

What are the latest hot issues for the IRS, the Minnesota Department of Revenue, and other state taxing agencies in their audits and reviews of tribes, tribal enterprises, and tribal members? Find out from practitioners who have been in the trenches how the federal and state taxing agencies have viewed issues involving the general welfare doctrine, worker classification, residency on the reservation, and other important issues. This presentation will also address how the tribes, tribal enterprises, and tribal members have fared in the process.

– Susan L. Allen  
Olson Allen & Rasmussen LLC  
– Mary J. Streitz  
Dorsey & Whitney LLP

10:55 – 11:05 a.m.

BREAK

11:05 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

## Breakout Session B

### 3) Ethical Issues Facing the In-House Attorney

**1.25 ethics credits applied for**

This panel will explore the unique ethical issues that in-house Tribal attorneys face. The panel will discuss the role of the in-house Tribal attorney and how this practice is impacted by the rules of professional conduct.

– Sheila D. Corbine  
Attorney General, Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Justice  
– Aaron G. Loomis  
General Counsel, St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin  
– Phillip R. Mahowald  
General Counsel, Prairie Island Indian Community  
– Andrew Adams III, moderator  
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### 4) Lake of the Torches: Lessons Learned for Tribes and Lenders

This panel will discuss *Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee, v. Lake of the Torches* and its likely impacts on tribes, lenders, and regulators.

– Aaron J. Harkins  
Faegre & Benson LLP  
– Vanya S. Hogen  
Jacobson Buffalo Magnuson Anderson & Hogen PC

12:20 – 1:30 p.m.

CONFERENCE LUNCHEON (provided)

12:30 – 1:15 p.m.

LUNCHEON ADDRESS

## The View from the Solicitor’s Office

Priscilla A. Wilfahrt will give us the benefit of her extensive experience with the Solicitor’s Office and share her insights on such topics as how the Solicitor’s office operates and her specific focus within the office, including the challenges to tribal land acquisitions that have arisen in recent years.

– Priscilla A. Wilfahrt  
Field Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior

Ms. Wilfahrt joined the Solicitor’s Office in 1983 and has been the Field Solicitor at the Twin Cities Field Office at Fort Snelling, Minnesota since 1994. The Twin Cities Office advises the Midwest and Great Plains Regional Office of the BIA, which in turn serves 53 tribes in a seven state area of the Upper Midwest. She graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1981. Ms. Wilfahrt has served as the lead SOL Attorney for *United States v. Michigan* since 1994 and practices extensively before the Interior Board of Indian Appeals, handling all of the BIA’s trust land acquisition work. She was born and raised on the White Earth Reservation in Northern Minnesota and worked for the White Earth Tribal Government for two years prior to attending law school.

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

## The National Indian Gaming Commission: An Update from the General Counsel

Larry Roberts will provide an overview of the Commissioner’s priorities, including an update on the review of financing documents after *Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. v. Lake of the Torches* and other current issues before the Commission.

– Lawrence S. Roberts, General Counsel, NIGC

Lawrence S. Roberts joined the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) as General Counsel in July of 2010. Mr. Roberts, a citizen of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, has fifteen years of federal Indian law experience. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School, Mr. Roberts started his legal career in the United States Department of Justice’s Honors Program. As a trial attorney, Mr. Roberts handled a variety of administrative law and federal Indian law cases including matters involving: tribal jurisdiction, regulatory authority and reservation boundaries, tribal reserved treaty rights, recovery of tribal lands and resources, and the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. Mr. Roberts also worked in EPA’s Office of General Counsel, providing counsel on the implementation of federal environmental programs in Indian Country. Most recently, Mr. Roberts worked in private practice on federal Indian law matters, including the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, and environmental law matters, including the National Environmental Policy Act. Mr. Roberts received numerous awards during his previous federal service. He also is a former Chair of the Native American Resources Committee, American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy and Resources. He is a member of the Washington D.C. Bar and the Wisconsin Bar.

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.

BREAK

2:45 – 4:30 p.m.

## Breakout Session C

### 5) Compliance with ICWA? Reducing the Disparities for Out-of-Home Placement of Indian Children

**1.75 elimination of bias credits applied for**

This panel will discuss the February 2010 Minnesota Child Welfare Disparities Report, and more specifically, how attorneys in this practice area can lessen the number of out-of-home placements for Indian children. Speakers will also talk about non-litigation-based, cooperative means of reducing disparities, such as the development of Memoranda of Understandings between individual tribes and the surrounding Counties.

– Jacqueline Beaulieu  
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– Mary Jo Hunter, moderator  
Hamline University School of Law

## 6) Criminal Jurisdiction and the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa

This presentation will showcase the criminal justice system currently operating on the Bois Forte Reservation and discuss possible changes that may occur with the recent passage of the Tribal Law and Order Act.

– Thomas F. Sjogren  
Tribal Prosecutor, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Tribal Court  
– Phyllis O. Tousey  
Public Defender, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Tribal Court  
– Honorable Margaret Treuer  
Chief Judge, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Tribal Court

4:30 p.m.

## Complimentary Reception

All attendees are invited to join your friends and colleagues for complimentary hors d’oeuvres and beverages as we honor newly appointed U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE LEO I. BRISBOIS and the other TRIBAL, STATE AND FEDERAL JUDGES in attendance at the seminar!

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The Honorable Leo I. Brisbois was born in Aurora, Minnesota and is the son and grandson of enrolled members of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe Indians. Mr. Brisbois grew up in Hibbing, Minnesota, and graduated with a BA Degree from Hamline University and his J.D. from Hamline University School of Law, both in Saint Paul. After graduating from law school, Mr. Brisbois served as a Tribal counsel prosecuting criminal cases with the Judge Advocate General’s Corps, United States Army, Europe. Mr. Brisbois continued serving in the United States Army Reserve until 1998. Following his military service and prior to joining the firm of Stich, Angell, Kreidler, Dodge & Unke, P.A., Mr. Brisbois also worked for the Minnesota State Court of Appeals. Mr. Brisbois’ private practice principally involved litigation and appellate work for insurance companies and corporate clients. He has served on the board of directors for a number of nonprofit community service groups including the American Indian Policy Center, the Indian Child Welfare Law Center, and Anishinaabe Legal Services. Mr. Brisbois also served as the President of the almost 17,000 member Minnesota State Bar Association in 2009/2010. Mr. Brisbois currently serves as a United States Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota. He was sworn in as a Magistrate Judge on August 30, 2010 and is principally chambered at the Gerald W. Heaney Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse and Customhouse in Duluth, but also hears cases at the Federal courthouses in Saint Paul and Fergus Falls.

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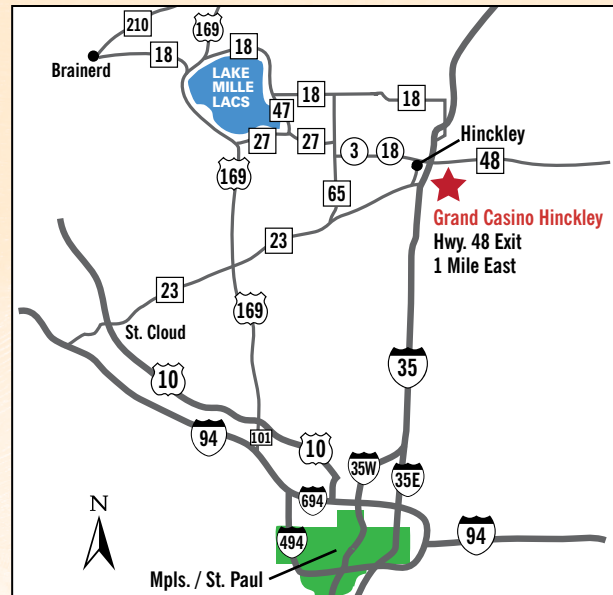
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