



AMERICAN INDIAN LAW PROGRAM

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Save the date for our fall conference!

“Tribal Sovereign Immunity After *Bay Mills*”

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Wittermyer Courtroom

Organized for lawyers, tribal leaders, students, faculty, and community members with an interest in American Indian law, this conference will address the Supreme Court's recent landmark holding in the much-watched case of *Michigan v. Bay Mills* (May 27, 2014).

In *Bay Mills*, the Supreme Court upheld tribal sovereign immunity against state government claims growing out of an Indian tribe's decision to locate a casino in a disputed location. The Court reaffirmed sovereign immunity as an inherent attribute of tribal self-government, such that lawsuits against tribes can only be authorized by Congress or by the tribes themselves.

Yet, the Court also left open the possibility of lawsuits for prospective relief against tribal officials, raising a number of questions for lawyers who advise tribes and those interacting with them in commercial law, civil rights, and other contexts. This conference aims to explore the *Bay Mills* holding and ramifications for the future.

Speakers will include the nation's leading scholars in federal Indian law and constitutional law, as well as lawyers who litigated the case, and others representing tribes today. Subjects will include review of precedents with particular focus on *Bay Mills*; the future of immunity; suits against tribal officers by analogy to *Ex parte Young*; experience and rulings on tribal immunity waivers; drafting waivers with focus on how waivers can and should be limited; and use of arbitration instead of courts.

We invite you to join us for a stimulating and informative discussion!

CLE credits will be available.

Registration and agenda will be forthcoming at

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