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40th Annual Indian Law Conference

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APRIL 9 – 10, 2015 ☀ TALKING STICK RESORT ☀ SCOTTSDALE, AZ



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THE INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION ERA
STRENGTHENING TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

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Join Us In Celebration Of Our 40th Annual Indian Law Conference

The Federal Bar Association is proud to announce the 40th anniversary of its **Indian Law Conference**. Held this year **April 9–10, 2015**, at the Talking Stick Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona, this year's event is designed to both celebrate milestones and plan for the future.

Our theme ***"40 Years Strong: The Indian Self-Determination Era Strengthening Tribal Sovereignty"*** focuses on the significant changes that have occurred in the relationship between Tribal Nations and the United States in the last four decades. As practitioners, judges, government representatives, and tribal leaders, we will discuss the multiple governance issues, opportunities, and changes in Indian Country. From topics on the actual numbers of Native attorneys to the expanded jurisdictional options for Tribal Courts to addressing climate change, the conference will highlight the strides that have been made in the practice of Indian law. We hope you will join us for this time of celebration, discussion and looking forward to greater strides ahead!

Who Should Attend?

If you are working with—or on behalf of—Native Americans, this event is designed for you. Attendees will hear scholars, federal appointees, and other community leaders discuss some of the most pressing issues related to Indian law and the future independence and health of tribal communities. Whether you are a working attorney, a federal employee, a judge or a law student, the **40th Annual FBA Indian Law Conference** coalesces the entire Indian law community, at one time, and in one place.

What You Will Receive

When you register for the **Annual FBA Indian Law Conference**, you get:

- Eight plenary sessions
- Four in-depth, breakout sessions
- 12 hours CLE credits (*pending upon course completion*)
- Lawrence R. Baca Lifetime Achievement Award Presentation
- Unparalleled networking within the Indian law community
- Lunch and dinner (Thursday, April 9)
- Lunch (Friday, April 10)
- Participation in a celebratory Round Dance
- ...And much more!



Talking Stick Resort
9800 E. Indian Bend Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85256
1-866-877-9897
www.talkingstickresort.com

Room Block Information

A block of discounted rooms has been reserved for conference attendees at the Talking Stick Resort (conference hotel) as well as at the nearby Hampton Inn and Suites. The Talking Stick Resort is just 20 minutes from Phoenix Sky Harbor airport.

Talking Stick Resort
Rate: \$162/night (plus state and local tax)
Call 1-866-877-9897 and reference
"Federal Bar Association Indian
Law Conference"
Reservation Deadline:
March 14, 2015

**Hampton Inn and Suites
Scottsdale/Riverwalk**
Rate: \$128/night (plus state and local tax)
Call 1-480-270-5393 and reference
"Federal Bar Association Indian
Law Conference"
Reservation Deadline:
March 6, 2015

The Venue

Native American owned and managed, the Talking Stick Resort is a four diamond destination property just 10 minutes outside of downtown Scottsdale, that encompasses a casino, golf course, spa and more. In addition, Talking Stick also houses a well-respected cultural center where a large and priceless collection of Native American art reflecting the Pima and Maricopa ancestry that forms the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) is located.

Conference At-A-Glance



Art by Terry Townsend

Thursday, April 9

8:00 a.m.

Welcoming Remarks and Keynote Address

8:30 a.m.

Plenary 1: 40 Years Later: The Indian Self-Determination Act—Impacts and Challenges

10:00 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m.

Plenary 2: Strength in Numbers: Native Attorneys from Pre-Law to Practice

Breakout 1: Building Economic Diversification and Entrepreneurship in the 21st Century

11:45 a.m.

Break

12:00 p.m.

Luncheon Program: Reflections on the 40th Year of the Indian Law Conference

Color Guard: Salt River Pima Police Department Honor Guard and Honor Song

1:30 p.m.

Break

1:45 p.m.

Plenary 3: Strengthening and Enhancing Tribal Courts

3:15 p.m.

Break

3:30 p.m.

Plenary 4: Active Tribal Stewardship Addressing Climate Change

Breakout 2: Safeguarding the Next Generation: Child Protection and Juvenile Justice in Indian Country

5:00 p.m.

Reception in the Talking Stick Fire Garden

Friday, April 10

8:30 a.m.

Plenary 5: Sustaining Tribal Agricultural Sovereignty

10:00 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m.

Plenary 6: Standing Strong: Inherent Tribal Governmental Status

Breakout 3: Asserting the Supremacy of Indian Water Rights

11:45 a.m.

Break

12:00 p.m.

Luncheon Program: Journey to the Judiciary

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Lawrence R. Baca Lifetime Achievement Award Presentation
- Remarks by Arizona Native American Bar Association President Sheri Freemont
- FBA Sponsor Program
- Announcement of Native American Law Students Association Election Results

1:30 p.m.

Break

1:45 p.m.

Plenary 7: Advancing Indian Self-Determination and Indigenous Rights

Breakout 4: The Power of Alternate Dispute Resolution in Indian Country

3:15 p.m.

Break

3:30 p.m.

Plenary 8: Ethical Considerations in Asserting Tribal Sovereign Immunity

5:00 p.m.

Closing Ceremony: Round Dance

We offer a special thanks to our sponsors:

- Arizona Native American Bar Association
- Greenberg Traurig
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- U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps

Thursday, April 9 | Agenda

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Welcome Remarks and Keynote Address

Delbert Ray, President, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community

Lawrence R. Baca, FBA Indian Law Section Chair Emeritus and Past FBA President

Matthew B. Moreland, President, Federal Bar Association

Andrew Adams III, Chair, Federal Bar Association Indian Law Section

Kevin K. Washburn, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Plenary 1: 40 Years Later: The Indian Self-Determination Act—Impacts and Challenges

Moderator:

Angelique T. EagleWoman, Professor, University of Idaho College of Law

Panelists:

Lloyd B. Miller, Partner, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller and Munson, LLP (Anchorage, Alaska)

Dr. Lynn Malerba, Chief of the Mohegan Tribe

Geoffrey D. Strommer, Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker

John Dossett, Chief Counsel, National College of American Indians

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Plenary 2: Strength in Numbers: Native Attorneys from Pre-Law to Practice

Moderator:

Helen B. Padilla, Director, American Indian Law Center, Inc.

Panelists:

Mary L. Smith, Special Counsel and Estate Trust Officer, Office of the Special Deputy Receiver, and President, National Native American Bar Association

Dr. Arin Reeves, CEO, President, Nextions

Makalika Naholowaa, Attorney, Microsoft Corporation

Francine M. Jaramillo, Staff Attorney, American Indian Law Center, Inc.

Breakout 1: Building Economic Diversification and Entrepreneurship in the 21st Century

Moderator:

Jeff Keel, Business Manager, Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

Panelists:

Robert J. Miller, Professor, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University

Elizabeth Homer, Principal Attorney, Homer Law Chartered

Lael R. Echo-Hawk, Attorney, Garvey Schubert Barer

Deanna Hartley-Kelso, Senior Partner, Indian and Environmental Law Group

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Break

DID YOU KNOW?...

The Sonoran Desert is home to more than 17 contemporary Native American Tribes, including the Pascua Yaqui (Yoeme), Seri, Tohono O'odham, Gila River Indian Community, and the Cocopah.

SOURCES: www.wikipedia.org, www.desertmuseum.org

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Luncheon Program: Reflections on the 40th Year of the Indian Law Conference

Lawrence R. Baca, FBA Indian Law Section Chair Emeritus and Past FBA President
Kevin Gover, Director, National Museum of the American Indian

Color Guard: Salt River Pima Police Department Honor Guard and Honor Song

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Break

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Plenary 3: Strengthening and Enhancing Tribal Courts

Moderator:

Helen B. Padilla, Director, American Indian Law Center, Inc.

Panelists:

Sarah Deer, Professor of Law and Co-Director, Indian Law Program, William Mitchell College of Law

Gloria Valencia-Weber, Professor, University of New Mexico School of Law; Director, Legal Services Corporation

M. Brent Leonhard, Attorney, Office of Legal Counsel, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Justice Jill Elizabeth Tompkins, President, Board of Directors, National American Indian Court Judges Association

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Plenary 4: Active Tribal Stewardship Addressing Climate Change

Moderator:

Jeff Keel, Business Manager, Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

Panelists:

Karen R. Diver, Chairwoman, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Pilar Thomas, Of Counsel, Lewis Roca Rothgerber and Former Acting Director, U.S. Department of Energy Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs

Elizabeth A. Kronk Warner, Associate Professor and Director, Tribal Law and Government Center, University of Kansas School of Law

Heather Kendall-Miller, Senior Attorney, Native American Rights Fund

Breakout 2: Safeguarding the Next Generation: Child Protection and Juvenile Justice in Indian Country

Moderator:

Hankie P. Ortiz, Deputy Bureau Director, Indian Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior

Panelists:

Sarah Redfield, Professor of Law, University of New Hampshire School of Law

Sheri Freemont, Director, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Hon. Ron J. Whitener, Associate Judge, Tulalip Tribal Court; Affiliated Assistant Professor, University of Washington Law School

Amanda Marshall, United States Attorney, District of Oregon, U.S. Department of Justice

5:00 p.m.

Reception in the Talking Stick Fire Garden

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Friday, April 10 | Agenda

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Plenary 5: Sustaining Tribal Agricultural Sovereignty

Moderator:

Hankie P. Ortiz, Deputy Bureau Director, Indian Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior

Panelists:

Rebecca Tsosie, Regent's Professor of Law, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University

Dan Cornelius, Technical Assistance Specialist, Intertribal Agriculture Council

Jamie Simms Hipp, Director, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative, University of Arkansas School of Law

Patrice H. Kunes, Deputy Under Secretary--Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Plenary 6: Standing Strong: Inherent Tribal Governmental Status

Moderator:

Angelique T. EagleWoman, Professor, University of Idaho College of Law

Panelists:

Robert Odawi Porter, Senior Advisor, Dentons US, LLP

Sean Reed, General Counsel, Saginaw Chippewa

Bryan H. Wildenthal, Professor of Law, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego

Ann Juliano, Professor of Law, Villanova University School of Law

Breakout 3: Asserting the Supremacy of Indian Water Rights

Moderator:

Helen B. Padilla, Director, American Indian Law Center, Inc.

Panelists:

Judith V. Royster, Professor of Law and Co-Director, Native American Law Center, University of Tulsa College of Law

Donald "Del" Laverdure, Strategic Advisor, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld, LLP

Jeanette Wolfley, Assistant Professor, University of New Mexico School of Law

Thomas P. Schlosser, Principal, Morisset Schlosser Jozwiak and Somerville

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Break

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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Presented by: Hon. Diane Humetewa, U.S. District Judge, District of Arizona

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Plenary 7: Advancing Indian Self-Determination and Indigenous Rights

Moderator:

Hankie P. Ortiz, Deputy Bureau Director, Indian Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior

Panelists:

Walter Echo-Hawk, The Walter Echo-Hawk Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Lewis and Clark Law School

Brian Cladoosby, President, National Congress of American Indians

W. Ron Allen, Chairman/CEO, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Larry Roberts, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of the Interior, Indian Affairs

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
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Breakout 4: The Power of Alternate Dispute Resolution in Indian Country

Moderator:

Jeff Keel, Business Manager, Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

Panelists:

Kimberly Varilek, Former Attorney General, Eastern Shoshone Tribe; Attorney, US EPA Region 8 Office of Regional Counsel

G. William Rice, Associate Professor of Law and Co-Director, Native American Law Center, University of Tulsa College of Law

Robert Rosette, Partner, Rosette, LLP

Hon. Herb Yazzie, Chief Justice, Navajo Nation

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Plenary 8: Ethical Considerations in Asserting Tribal Sovereign Immunity

Moderator:

Angelique T. EagleWoman, Professor, University of Idaho College of Law

Panelists:

William J. Hardacker, Staff Legal Counsel, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

Kathryn L. Tierney, Tribal Attorney, Bay Mills Indian Community

Hon. Amanda WhiteEagle, Chief Judge, Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court

Natalie Landreth, Senior Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Closing Ceremony: Round Dance

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The Indian Law Section of the FBA currently has more than 400 members. The section hosts two annual events, the DC Indian Law Conference and the national Indian Law Conference, and publishes a quarterly newsletter for its members.

The Indian Law Section of the FBA is managed by an executive board. Members include:

- Andrew Adams III, Chair, Hogan Adams, PLLS
- Tracy Toulou, Deputy Chair, Dept. of Justice, Office of Tribal Justice
- Angelique EagleWoman, Secretary, Univ. of Idaho College of Law
- Ann Tweedy, Treasurer, Hamline Univ. School of Law
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**—Robert J. DeSousa,
Past National President**

DID YOU KNOW?...

The most frequent topics at the annual Indian Law Conference over its 40-year history have been sovereignty, jurisdiction, and governance. Tribal courts, litigation and legislative updates, and economic development follow close behind.



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- 1. Online at www.fedbar.org/IndianLaw15
- 2. Mail to
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PO Box 79395
Baltimore, MD 21279-0395
- 3. Fax to (571) 481-9090

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City	State	Zip

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Phone	Email Address
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Indicate if you have any special needs requiring assistance, including dietary.

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<input type="checkbox"/> \$420 Sustaining FBA Member*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$475 Sustaining FBA Member*
<input type="checkbox"/> \$440 FBA Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 FBA Member
<input type="checkbox"/> \$560 Nonmember	<input type="checkbox"/> \$650 Nonmember
<input type="checkbox"/> \$180 Law Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200 Law Student
<input type="checkbox"/> \$55 Thursday Guest Lunch Ticket	
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<input type="checkbox"/> \$55 Friday Guest Lunch Ticket	
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