



TRIBAL LAW JOURNAL

The *Tribal Law Journal* (TLJ) is pleased to preview the Spring 2021 edition. We are also honored to dedicate this 21st Volume to **Professor Christine Zuni Cruz**, TLJ's founder, senior editor, and faculty advisor who has recently retired. A member of the Isleta Pueblo, Professor Zuni Cruz joined the University of New Mexico School of Law faculty in 1993 and helped establish both TLJ and the Southwest Indian Law Clinic. She has published numerous articles on an array of topics including the impact of law on Native families, lawyering for Native communities, and Indigenous legal traditions. Professor Zuni Cruz has served as a State Department Speaker and Specialist in Bolivia and Brazil, and her research and teaching has taken her to Greenland, Ecuador, Libya, Mexico, Australia, and the South Pacific. In addition to these achievements, she has also served as a judge for the Isleta, Laguna, and Taos tribal courts, and for the Southwest Intertribal Court of Appeals.

TLJ was established in 1998 for the purpose of promoting Indigenous self-determination by facilitating discussion of the internal law of the world's Indigenous nations. The internal law of Indigenous nations encompasses traditional law, western law adopted by Indigenous nations, and a blend of western and Indigenous law. *Underscoring this purpose is the recognition that traditional law is a source of law.*

The crucial role of Native women in academia and the law must be acknowledged and celebrated. We are proud that Volume 21 features the following six authors, and we are especially proud to amplify Native women's voices:

Julie Combs (Cherokee Nation), *Bad Men Among the Whites Claims in the Mni Wiconi Age*, 21 TRIBAL L.J. ____ (2021).

Taylor A. Dumpson (Afro-Indigenous; Black, Narragansett, Nanticoke, and Mohawk ancestry), *A 385-Year Experiment to Erase a People: Intergenerational Acts of Genocide Against the Narragansett Indian Tribe by the United States of America and the State of Rhode Island*, 21 TRIBAL L.J. ____ (2021).

Kristen Marlie Polk (San Carlos Apache), *The San Carlos Apache Fight to Protect Sacred Holy Sites*, 21 TRIBAL L.J. ____ (2021).

Sarah A. Sadlier (Mnikhówožu Lakhóta), *Case Note: Federal Indian Law – Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction – Indian Civil Rights Act – Tribal Sovereignty – United States v. Cooley*, 21 TRIBAL L.J. ____ (2021).

Kelly Gaines Stoner (Cherokee ancestry) & **Lauren Van Schilfgaarde** (Cochiti Pueblo), *Affirmed or Delegated? Finding Inherent Tribal Civil Power to Issue Protection Orders Against All Persons in Light of Spurr v. Pope*, 21 TRIBAL L.J. ____ (2021).

Be on the lookout for the late Spring release!

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