

# 38th Coming Together of Peoples Conference

Friday, April 12th  
Saturday, April 13th



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# *Welcome*

... to the 38th Coming Together of Peoples Conference, a gathering that commemorates 38 years of Indigenous legal excellence enriching Indian Country. This Conference stands as a testament to the enduring dedication spanning generations of Indigenous Law Students, the Great Lakes Indigenous Law Center, and the UW Law School.

Over the years, this gathering has forged invaluable relationships, not only within the Indigenous community but also with students, alumni, Tribal Nations, and our law school. These connections serve as the backbone of our collective journey, echoing the sentiment of Gregory Cajete, Ph.D.: "Relationship is the cornerstone of Indigenous community, and community is the place where we learn what it is to be related." As we convene here, we honor the bonds cultivated within our community and embrace the ongoing journey of understanding what it truly means to be interconnected.

As we embark on this year's conference, let us embrace the richness of our heritage, the wisdom of our ancestors, and the resilience of our communities. Together, let us continue to learn, grow, and strengthen the fabric of Indigenous legal tradition.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have contributed to the success of this conference, past and present. May our time together be filled with learning, collaboration, and community.

With warm regards,

*The Indigenous Law Student Association*



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# SCHEDULE

## DAY ONE: FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH

Locations: Presentations in Law School Rm 2260; Alumni Social in Law School Atrium; and “On the Far End” in Vilas Hall.

9:00 AM ILSA Welcome

9:05 AM Drum Welcome Song

9:10 AM Introduction to Keynote

9:15 AM **Keynote: Judge JoAnn Jones**  
Introduction: Amanda White Eagle

9:35 AM Law School Welcome

9:45 AM Break

10:10 AM **"Indian Country" and the Oklahoma Legal Landscape**

Introduction: Minwewe Valliere

Panelists: Mary Kathryn Nagle, Philip Tinker, Violet Rush, Jonodev Chaudhuri

Description: The McGirt case, decided in 2020, was a watershed moment that affirmed the continued existence of the Creek Reservation within the state of Oklahoma. The panelists will explore how this decision has reshaped the legal landscape in Oklahoma, empowering tribal sovereignty and upending long standing assumptions about state control. Importantly, the panel will also cover the ongoing legal battles that have emerged, including the state of Oklahoma's challenges to the ruling. The panelists will explore the broader historical context and the fraught relationship between the federal government and Native tribes that has shaped this legal saga. They will offer insights into what the McGirt decision means for the future of "Indian country" and tribal sovereignty within Oklahoma's borders. This panel will provide attendees with a deep understanding of the legal complexities, political tensions, and real-world impacts stemming from this landmark Supreme Court ruling.

**11:00 AM 10-Minute Break**

**11:10 AM Publication of Tribal Nation Codes and Cases**

Introduction: Michael Williams

Moderator: Michael Williams

Panelists: David Greisen, Bonnie Shucha, Bridget Swanke, Diana Bonilla

Description: With the rise of tribal courts and judicial systems, many tribal citizens are looking for legal resources including tribal constitutions, statutes, court rules, and cases. These legal materials are often difficult to find but are important to fair governance and participation in judicial proceedings. This panel will discuss how UW-Madison and Open Law Library are working with Tribal Nations to help their communities gain access to tribal law resources. We will discuss the future of these collections, and various work that is providing access to tribal law sources.

**12:00 PM Lunch**

**1:00 PM A Discussion from the Frontlines of the Line 5 Legal Battle**

Introduction: Steven Slack

Panelists: Josh Handelsman, Stefanie Tsosie

Description: Last year, the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa won a suit against the Enbridge Energy Company. The Western District Court of Wisconsin ordered that Enbridge remove their oil pipeline ("Line 5") from the reservation, ruling it a trespass. The Court gave the energy company three years to complete the removal of the pipeline following the four-year legal battle. Enbridge has appealed the decision to the 7th District Court of Appeals who heard oral arguments in February. Panelist Josh Handelsman worked on the case and panelist Stefanie Tsosie represents the Band in opposing the reroute that Enbridge has proposed to build next to the Band's reservation. They will speak to the legal issues at play in the lawsuit and in the regulatory process for the proposed reroute, as well as the implications for tribal sovereignty and environmental justice.

**1:50 PM 10-Minute Break**

**2:00 PM    Beyond the Law: Insights from Interdisciplinary Research in Federal Indian Law**

Introduction: Michael Williams

Moderator: Larry Nesper

Panelists: Dan Lewerenz, Kimberly Schweitzer, Kirsten Matoy Carlson, Christian W. McMillen

Description: This panel will explore research from various interdisciplinary research in Federal Indian Law. Professors Dan Lewerenz and Kimberly Schweitzer have engaged in research to understand the role of juror stereotypes in the determination of Indian status, and of guilt. For certain crimes, jurisdiction may turn on whether the defendant, the victim, or both are "Indian." In some states, whether the defendant is an Indian is a jury question. Juries are instructed that ". . . bias regarding the race, color, [or] ethnicity . . . of the defendant . . . should play no part" in juror/jury decision making. With a grant from the Early Career Scholars Program from the University of North Dakota, the Professors have begun collecting data, and will share the preliminary findings from this research. Further, historical interpretation and research, in such recent cases as *McGirt v Oklahoma* and *Arizona v. Navajo Nation*, play a key role in Federal Indian Law. Professor Christian McMillen will discuss the ways in which history has shaped the law. Professor Carlson will add to the conversation by discussing how empirical research can close gaps in existing knowledge about Native peoples and the law. Her research investigates the diverse strategies tribal governments use to change federal law and policy to improve access to justice in their communities.

**3:30 PM    10-Minute Break**

**3:40 PM Indigenous Higher Education in Wisconsin**

Introduction: Davis Logan

Panelists: Amanda White Eagle, Rebecca Scheller, Heidi Nicholls, Erin McBride

Description: This panel will serve as a discussion about the impacts of cuts to diversity programs on Indigenous communities in Wisconsin and the new tribal education promise program. In December 2023, The Universities of Wisconsin Board of Regents voted 11 to 6 to approve a deal to cut spending on diversity, equity, and inclusion in exchange for \$800 million in funds held by state Republicans. The deal caps all DEI staff hires for three years, restructures and redefines the roles of one-third of the system's current DEI staff, and freezes all administrative hires across the system. Additionally, UW-Madison also agreed to hire a chair of conservative political thought, classical economic theory, or classical liberalism. That same month, the Wisconsin Tribal Educational Promise Program was announced for undergraduates, J.D., and M.D. The program guarantees scholarships and grants to meet the full cost of in-state tuition and fees for Wisconsin residents who are enrolled members of federally recognized Wisconsin American Indian Tribes pursuing these degrees.

**4:30 PM 10-Minute Break**

**4:40 PM Ethics in Indian Law**

Introduction: Steven Slack

Panelists: Tim Pierce, Doug Huck, Martina Gast

Description: Practicing law in Indian Country can present unique and varied ethical questions. This panel will consist of two current practitioners of Indian Law and the current ethics counsel for the Wisconsin State Bar discussing and dissecting some of those challenging scenarios.

**5:30 PM End Day One**

**5:30 PM Cooweeja + ILSA: Alumni Social**

Join the Cooweeja Native & Indigenous Affinity Group, and the Indigenous Law Student Association for an opportunity to socialize with fellow University of Wisconsin-Madison Alumni, with appetizers and drinks provided!

**7:30 PM On the Far End: 1st Showing**



## DAY TWO: SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH

Locations: Presentations in Law School Rm 2260; and “On the Far End” in Vilas Hall.

**10:00 AM**    **Welcome**

**10:10 AM**    **Self-Determination in 2024: PROGRESS Act and Public Law 102-477**

Introduction: Michael Williams

Panelists: Samuel Kohn, Andy Caulum

Description: This panel will share a federal perspective on the current status of self-determination contracts and compacts in 2024. The panel will focus its discussion on two notable updates: practical effects of the Practical Reforms & Other Goals to Reinforce the Effectiveness of Self Governance & Self Determination for Indian Tribes (PROGRESS) Act, Public Law 116-180, and implementation of the new Memorandum of Agreement to implement Public Law 102-477, as amended. These two developments are changing the landscape of self-determination agreements between Indian Tribes and DOI, as well as other federal agencies.

**11:00 AM**    **10-Minute Break**

**11:10 AM**    **Tribal Business Codes**

Introduction: Kennedy Allison

Moderator: Dan Cornelius

Panelists: Dominic Parker, Adam Crepelle, Greg Monday

Description: Panelists will discuss current issues related to tribal sovereignty, tribal business codes, and economic development. Topics will include tribal interactions with the private sector, extensions of tribal sovereign immunity, choice of jurisdiction, creation of intertribal business courts, and how tribal courts interact with the private sector.

**12:00 PM**    **Lunch**



**1:00 PM      Research Forward**

Introduction: Minwewe Valliere

Moderator: Minwewe Valliere

Panelists: Dan Cornelius, Steph Tai, Rue Genger, Elena Bird

Description: The Research Forward (RF) project is collaborating with the Great Lakes Intertribal Food Coalition (GLIFC) to investigate how traditional agricultural practices of Native producers relate to climate change adaptation. They have also collaborated with Feeding Wisconsin, who partner with GLIFC, to oversee the Tribal Elder Food Box Program (TEFBP), which disperses traditional foods produced by Indigenous farmers to all federally recognized tribes in Wisconsin. The goal of RF is to investigate processes (legal, administrative) where the university can better support "traditional" production in these communities and protect cultural foods threatened by climate change. Additionally, the project highlights the importance of data sovereignty for Indigenous groups, as outside research has historically extracted and profited from traditional knowledge without compensation or consent. This project strives to uphold data sovereignty and ensure tribes maintain governance over their data.

**1:50 PM      10-Minute Break**

**2:00 PM      Participant Activities**

**2:00 PM      On the Far End: 2nd Showing**

**2:50 PM      10-Minute Break**

**3:00 PM      Election Law Developments in Indian Country**

Introduction: Michael Williams

Speaker: Torey Dolan

Description: This presentation will cover election law developments from the 2020 Presidential Election to today. Since 2020, the election law landscape has evolved through the courts, legislatures, and through the redistricting process. This presentation will contextualize these developments in Indian Country and discuss what potentially lies ahead in this Presidential Election year.

**3:50 PM      ILSA Closing**

**3:55 PM      Drum Closing Song**

**4:00 PM      End Day Two**

**7:30 PM      On the Far End: 3rd Showing**

# The Great Lakes Indigenous Law Center Presents



# ON THE FAR END

Written and performed by Mary Kathryn Nagle

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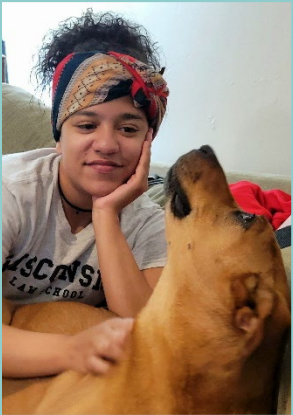
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Thank you to our volunteers for helping!  
Including Daniel Nerenhausen, Kira Adkins,  
Alyssa Dorman, and Hannah Koller.





## PANELISTS



Elena Bird



Elena Bird is currently pursuing her Masters in Agroecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. As an agroecology student, Elena is passionate about agriculture, rural community, and the deconsolidation of farming practices. She is part of a research group called Research Forward, which is working to understand traditional agricultural practices and Native food production in relation to climate change. Through her studies and research, Elena is dedicated to exploring ways to support sustainable, community-based agriculture and empower rural communities. With her strong commitment to agriculture, the environment, and supporting Native communities, Elena is poised to make a meaningful impact through her work in the field of agroecology.



Diana Bonilla



Diana Bonilla is currently a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Diana is pursuing a triple major in Legal Studies, Philosophy, and Latin American Caribbean Iberian Studies with certificates in Criminal Justice, Chicane Latine Studies, and Art. Diana was born and raised in Green Bay, Wisconsin, to hardworking Honduran parents. In the future, Diana hopes to attend law school, driven by a passion for immigration law and a commitment to making a positive impact in the legal field.



Kirsten Matoy Carlson

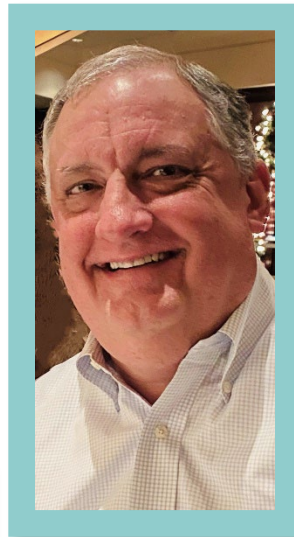


Kirsten Matoy Carlson is a Professor of Law at Wayne State University, where she also serves as a Faculty Scholar in the ABF/JPB Access to Justice Scholars Program and as a Marilyn Williamson Endowed Distinguished Faculty Fellow in the Humanities Center for the academic year 2023-2024. Her expertise lies in federal Indian law, focusing on access to justice issues and the strategies used by Native communities for legal reform. Dr.

Carlson's research, funded by institutions like the National Science Foundation and Wayne Law's Levin Center, aims to amplify Native voices within the legal system. She has published extensively in both law reviews and interdisciplinary journals, and her work has been presented at prestigious forums such as the Yale/Stanford/Harvard Junior Faculty Forum. Throughout her career, Dr. Carlson has held significant roles, including a Career Development Chair and Principal Investigator on a National Science Foundation grant. In addition to her research, she is dedicated to teaching, as evidenced by awards like the Donald H. Gordon Award for Excellence in Teaching and her recognition as Professor of the Year by students. With prior experience advocating for Indian nations' rights and a diverse academic background encompassing law, political science, and Māori studies, Dr. Carlson brings a wealth of knowledge and perspective to her work.



Andy Caulum



Andrew S. Caulum (Andy) is a Senior Attorney with the Office of the Solicitor, Division of Indian Affairs – Branch of Self-Governance & Economic Development, at the United States Department of the Interior. His practice areas include the Tribal Transportation and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Road Maintenance Programs, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Act of 2017, also known as “PL477,” and the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. Before joining the Solicitor's Office in 2007, Andy owned and operated Caulum Law Office, S.C., in Madison, Wisconsin, where his practice focused on tribal gaming and economic development, along with real estate, business, and civil litigation. He is a 1994 graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1990 from the University of Wisconsin.



Jonodev Chaudhuri



Jonodev Chaudhuri currently holds the prestigious position of Ambassador for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the fourth largest tribal nation in the United States. In this capacity, Jonodev works closely with Congress, federal agencies, and representatives from other tribal nations, states, and governments to advocate for and advance the interests of the Muscogee Nation. He received his bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College and later received his law degree from Cornell Law School. Jonodev is an experienced lawyer who has represented tribal nations throughout the country, and has served as a judge for five different tribal nations, including as Chief Justice of the Muscogee Nation. Prior to his current role, Chaudhuri held high-level policy positions within the federal government, most notably as Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission from 2013-2019. Due to the unique structure of the Ambassador position, Jonodev is able to represent certain tribal clients on matters that strengthen tribal sovereignty and economic opportunities across Indian Country.



Dan Cornelius





Dan Cornelius is a former UW law student and is now an outreach program manager at the Great Lakes Indigenous Law center. Dan is a member of the Oneida Nation. He is currently leading projects related to food system resilience to support tribal nations and rural communities. His efforts are possible through partnership with the Intertribal Agriculture Council, the US Department of Agriculture, and UW-Madison College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. In addition, he serves as an elected court of appeals judge at the Oneida judiciary.



Adam Crepelle



Adam Crepelle, Assistant Professor at Loyola University Chicago School of Law, focuses on criminal justice and economic development issues concerning Indigenous Peoples. A member of the United Houma Nation and a judge on the Court of Appeals for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Crepelle's interest in Indian law began during the aftermath of the BP oil spill, which deeply affected his community. His teaching incorporates real-world examples, making complex legal concepts relatable to students. Adam holds a Master of Laws in Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy from the University of Arizona and a Master's Degree in Public Policy Analysis from Pepperdine University School of Public Policy.



Torey Dolan



Torey Dolan is a William H. Hastie Fellow at the University of Wisconsin Law School. Her scholarship focuses on Tribal Nations, Democracy, and American Indian self-determination and political actualization in the intersections of Federal Indian Law and Election Law. She has co-authored a piece for the Boston University Law Review and has a forthcoming piece on Indian Citizenship and the Indian Franchise in the University of Idaho Law Review.

Prior to receiving the Hastie Fellowship, Dolan was a Native Vote Fellow with the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law Indian Legal Clinic where she helped lead the Arizona Native Vote Election Protection Project through the 2020 and 2022 election cycles. She has assisted in litigation on matters pertaining to Tribal sovereignty, the Voting Rights Act, and state election law before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Federal District Court of Arizona, and the Superior Court of Apache and Pinal Counties in Arizona.

Dolan received her J.D from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law along with a certificate in Federal Indian Law. She received her B.A. from the University of California at Davis. She is an enrolled citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.



Martina Gast



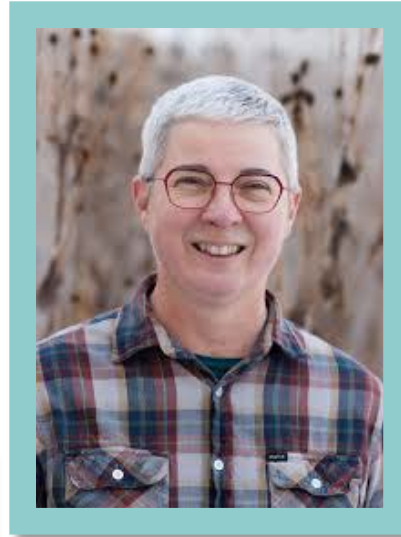
Martina Gast is the founder of Pipestone Law, a specialized law firm dedicated exclusively to supporting the HR and employment needs of Indian tribes and tribal entities and defending the sovereign rights of tribal employers. Her legal experience covers all aspects of the employment relationship, including hiring, allegations of harassment and discrimination, discipline, compensation, trainings, investigations, and accommodations.

She is a trusted advisor to tribal HR departments, tribal governing bodies, and in-house counsel on employment-related practices and policies. Prior to founding Pipestone Law, Martina served as the in-house employment attorney with the Forest County Potawatomi Community in Wisconsin and as an attorney specializing in Indian law and labor and employment law at law firms in Wisconsin and Arizona.

Martina is a member of the Red Rock Indian Band, an Ojibwe First Nation. She has previously served as the Chair of the State Bar of Wisconsin Indian Law Section.



Rue Genger



Dr. Rue Genger is a scientist in the UW Department of Plant and Agroecosystem Sciences. Their work is focused on resilience of organic vegetable production systems. Rue performs research with farmers and other community members to understand the impacts of climate change on organic vegetable production. Rue is also a part of Research Forward, which highlights traditional agricultural practices and Native food production in relation to climate change. Through partnerships with Tribal Nations and organizations, Rue seeks to support capacity building for Tribal vegetable production.



David Greisen

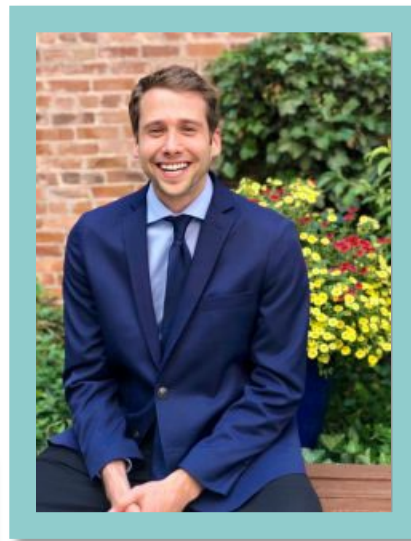


David is the founder of Open Law Library, a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to making the law accessible to all. Open Law Library focuses on developing software that facilitates fast, accurate, and open legal publishing. David's leadership extends to partnering with governments to implement these tools, aiding them in the transparent publication of laws.

David has worked in various staff offices in Congress and state legislatures. His professional journey includes roles in government technology at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and as a Free Law Innovation Fellow with the District of Columbia, where he developed a comprehensive understanding of codification and legal publishing processes. Through his multifaceted expertise, David strives to empower individuals and organizations with greater access to legal information. David holds a BS degree in physics from Harvey Mudd College and a JD degree from the University of Chicago.



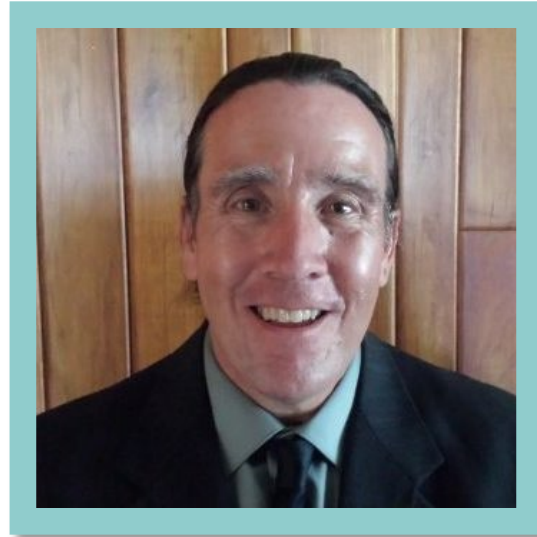
**Josh Handelsman**



Attorney Josh Handelsman is currently employed at Kanji & Katzen, a Michigan firm dedicated to advancing the interests of Indian tribes and nations. There, he was part of the team that represented the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians against Enbridge. Previously, he has represented investors and state agencies victimized by corporate fraud and clerked for Judge Harris L. Hartz of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. He earned a B.A. in Political Science from Dickinson College before receiving a J.D. from Yale Law School in 2017. Prior to law school, he taught high school social studies in the eastern part of the Navajo Nation.



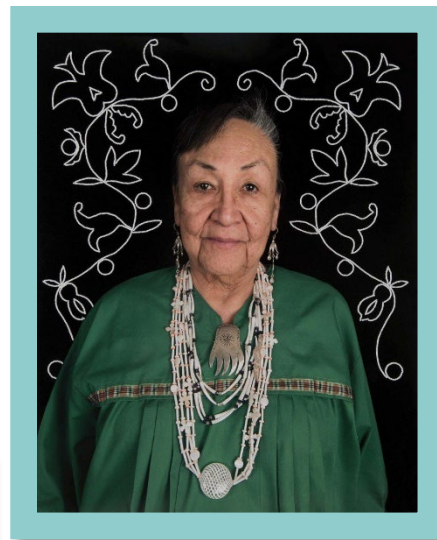
Doug Huck



For the past 12 years, Doug Huck has been an in-house attorney for the Forest County Potawatomi Community. Huck was also an in-house attorney for Marshfield Clinic and the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. Huck is currently a Gresham School Board Member and also served on the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council for 6 years. Huck graduated from U.W. Stout with a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management and worked in the hospitality industry for a number of years before attending the Pre-Law Summer Institute in 1995. Huck earned his law degree from Washington University in St. Louis. Huck is married and the father of 8 kids and 14 grandchildren.



JoAnn Jones



Judge JoAnn Jones has dedicated many years of service as a Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court Judge, making a significant impact throughout the Great Lakes Region. She made history as the first elected female president of the Ho-Chunk Nation, changing and impacting the lives of countless Indigenous people during her tenure. Jones is a celebrated alumna of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School, and has held numerous roles focused on service, including as a U.S. Air Force veteran, social worker, and lawyer. Now retired after serving the Ho-Chunk nation, Judge Jones' dedication to Indigenous communities and her trailblazing leadership continue to inspire others. Her unwavering commitment to justice and advocacy for her people has left an indelible mark, making her a true champion for the rights and well-being of Native peoples.



Sam Kohn



Samuel Kohn is a Senior Counselor in the office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs and is on part-time detail to the Secretary's Indian Water Rights Office. He was born and raised on the Crow Reservation in rural Montana and is an enrolled member of the Crow Tribe. Sam has served as a judicial law clerk in the United States District Court for the District of Montana, a Managing Associate at Dentons US LLP, and as Assistant Regional Counsel in the Office of General Counsel for the Department of Health and Human Services. He attended Dartmouth College and the University of Wisconsin Law School.





Dan Lewerenz



Professor Dan Lewerenz, a citizen of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, currently serves on the faculty of the University of North Dakota School of Law. Prior to his academic appointment, he held positions at the Native American Rights Fund and the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Solicitor, Division of Indian Affairs, where he handled litigation and client counseling on various tribal issues, including treaty rights, voting rights, and the Indian Child Welfare Act. With a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School, where he graduated cum laude and was a member of the Order of the Coif, Lewerenz brings extensive experience as a former reporter and editor for The Associated Press, as well as service on the Board of Directors of the Native American Journalists Association. His diverse background enriches his teaching of Federal Indian Law and journalism courses at various institutions.



Erin McBride





Professor Erin McBride directs both the Government and Legislative Clinic and the Native Nations Externship Program at the University of Wisconsin Law School, offering students unique opportunities to engage in governmental law, policy, legislation, and tribal governance. Before joining the Law School faculty, she served as a Managing Attorney at ABC for Health, focusing on public interest law related to access to health care and coverage issues, including federal ERISA cases. McBride also worked as a Managing Attorney at Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., representing victims of violent crime and engaging in international advocacy efforts on housing rights. She holds a J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law and a B.A. in Chemistry and Architecture from Bryn Mawr College. With a background in chemical engineering at Kimberly Clark Corporation, McBride holds multiple patents and is admitted to practice law in various courts, including the US Supreme Court.



**Christian W. McMillen**



Christian W. McMillen is a distinguished historian and educator, currently serving as Professor of History at the University of Virginia. With a focus on American Indian history and the history of epidemic disease, McMillen brings a unique perspective to his teaching and research. He is widely recognized for his insightful analyses and contributions to the field. McMillen is the author of two significant works: "Making Indian Law: The Hualapai Land Case and the Birth of Ethnohistory" and "Discovering Tuberculosis: A Global History, 1900 to the Present." Through his meticulous research and compelling narratives, McMillen sheds light on crucial aspects of both Native American history and the global impact of epidemic diseases. His expertise and dedication to scholarship make him a respected figure in academia, enriching the understanding of these complex historical subjects for students and scholars alike.



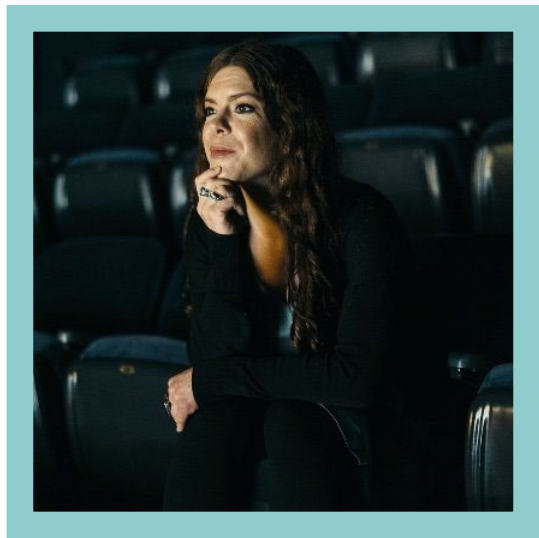
Greg Monday



Greg Monday, an adjunct business law professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School, is a family business lawyer specializing in business law, contracts, tax law, and estate planning. With a J.D. with honors from the University of Wisconsin Law School and a B.A. with honors from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Greg gained practical experience early in family businesses. His expertise enables him to assist clients, primarily in real estate, manufacturing, retail, navigate complex issues related to family and business transitioning, ownership, and legacy planning. Greg is the author of "The Lawyers Guide to Family Business Succession Planning" (ABA 2020) and maintains a blog on family business law. Clients appreciate Greg's practical approach and ability to find solutions that align with their goals while preserving family harmony. Beyond his legal practice, Greg enjoys spending time with his wife, Stephanie, and their three adult children, indulging in the arts and outdoor activities.



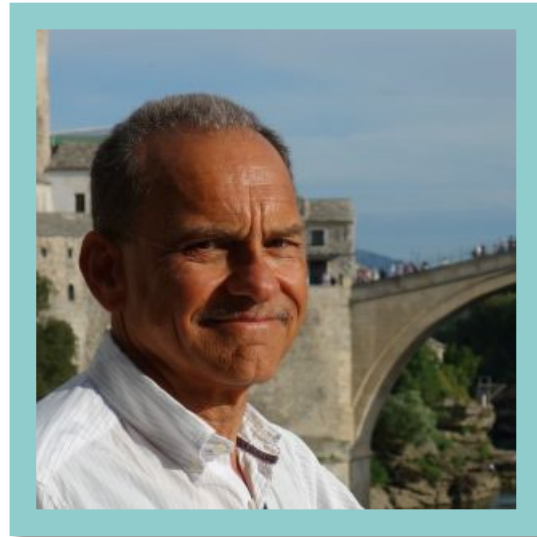
Mary Kathryn Nagle



Mary Kathryn Nagle is a member of the Cherokee Nation, a renowned playwright and attorney who specializes in federal Indian law and appellate litigation. She received her bachelor's degree in Justice and Peace Studies from Georgetown University, and later received her degree in law from Tulane University Law School. She uses her talents at the intersection of justice and drama to fight for the rights and sovereignty of Native nations. Mary Kathryn Nagle is a respected leader and advocate in her field, frequently speaking out on critical issues like restoring tribal sovereignty, protecting tribal self-determination, defending Indian civil and constitutional rights, and ensuring the safety of Native women. Her impressive legal work includes drafting numerous appellate briefs that have been heard in federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court.



Larry Nesper



Larry Nesper, Emeritus Professor of Anthropology and American Indian Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, focuses his research on Great Lakes Indian law and politics, particularly in the federal Indian policy era of self-determination, with additional ethnohistorical interests in the region. He has contributed significantly to the understanding of tribal courts' development in Wisconsin. With a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and joining UW-Madison faculty in 2002, Nesper's teaching portfolio is diversified, covering cultural anthropology, theory and ethnography, anthropology of law, and more. He has published extensively on topics related to indigenous transformation, tribal sovereignty, and intercultural resource management, among others. Nesper's expertise and contributions have left a significant mark on the fields of cultural and legal anthropology, particularly in relation to Indigenous Peoples in North America.



Heidi Nicholls

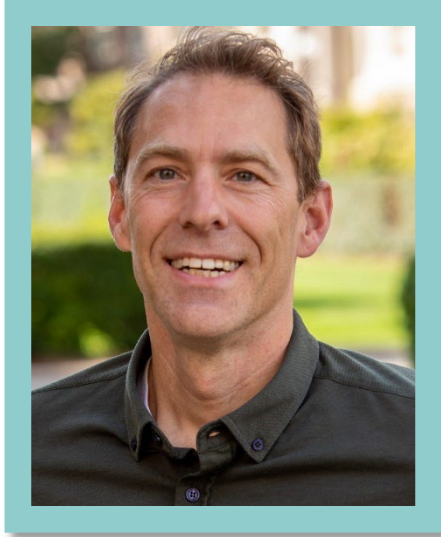


Nicholls is an assistant anthropology professor at UW Oshkosh and until recently served as the chair of the Indigenous Studies Committee and is the proud advisor to the Inter-Tribal Student Council (ITSC). She is an economic anthropologist teaching in anthropology, Indigenous studies, and environmental studies who explores power dynamics, race, ethnicity, and inequities. Nicholls teaches courses such as Cultural Diversity in the U.S., Indigenization, Economy and Environmentalism, Tourism, and Political Resistance. Nicholls collaborates with variety of stakeholders to offer diversity, equity, and inclusion workshops and talks, was a part of the Voices of Vision podcast centered on social justice and served as a TEDx speaker on the importance of having tough conversations.

Nicholls sits on the board of the Higher Education Interest group through the Society for Applied Anthropology and much of her current research is exploring inclusivity at a predominately white institution. She has been afforded the honor to work with Jim Feldman and Elizabeth Barron on the Conversation, Sustainability, and Environment collaborative program with Norway through the DIKU grant which begins this winter. Nicholls also is a part of the UWO interdisciplinary research team that is completing a grant through WiSys and was recently awarded a National Science Foundation grant focused on harmful algal blooms, public perception, and policy making. All are opportunities to center student research, development, and leadership.



Dominic Parker



Dominic (Nick) Parker is a professor of applied economics at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. He is also the Ilene and Morton Harris Senior Fellow (adjunct) at Stanford University’s Hoover Institution, where he co-directs Hoover’s program on Renewing Indigenous Economies.

It brings together scholars, tribal leaders, and policy makers to identify development opportunities and barriers for Indigenous people. Parker’s expertise is in economic development and environmental and natural resource economics with a focus on the role of property rights, rule-of-law, and governance. His research, which appears in economics, science, and law journals, has been featured in over 100 media outlets including BBC News, Wall Street Journal, the Atlantic, the Associated Press, and The Economist.



Tim Pierce



Timothy J. Pierce, Ethics Counsel for the State Bar of Wisconsin, earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School. Previously, he served as Deputy Director at the Office of Lawyer Regulation and held positions including Ethics Administrator at Milbank, Hadley, Tweed & McCloy in New York, and Assistant State Public Defender in Racine. A member of the State Bar of Wisconsin, Pierce is a regular speaker on professional ethics.



Violet Rush



Violet Rush, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation (Old Settler) and Mvskoke (Creek) descendant, joined the law firm of Kanji & Katzen in 2022 as an Associate Attorney. After earning her B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Texas in 2009, Violet went on to graduate from the University of Tulsa College of Law. During her time in law school, Violet held several leadership positions, including serving as the Executive Editor of the Tulsa Law Review and Vice President of the school's Native American Law Student Association. Prior to joining Kanji & Katzen, Violet gained valuable experience working as an associate at a national Native American law firm, where she advised tribes on a wide range of legal matters. She also spent time as a law clerk for the ACLU's Program on Freedom of Religion and Belief, and as an extern with the Tulsa County Public Defender's Office, focusing on Indian Child Welfare Act cases. Violet is passionate about mentoring prospective and current law students who share her interest in tribal rights and sovereignty.





Rebecca Scheller



Rebecca Scheller, currently serving as the associate dean for admissions and financial aid at the University of Wisconsin Law School, brings extensive experience in legal education and practice. With oversight of JD admissions and financial aid, she plays a crucial role in shaping the law school's student body and ensuring accessibility to legal education. Dean Scheller's legal background includes practicing law at the Madison office of DeWitt LLP. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School. During her legal studies, she interned for Justice N. Patrick Crooks of the Wisconsin Supreme Court and held leadership roles in student organizations, including the UW Law Mock Trial team and the Latino/a Law Students Association. Dean Scheller's commitment to diversity and inclusion is evident through her service on various committees, including the LSAC Board of Trustees and the Wisconsin State Bar Diversity & Inclusion Oversight Committee.



Kimberly Schweitzer





Kimberly Schweitzer, Ph.D., serves as an Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of North Dakota, specializing in legal psychology. With a Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Wyoming, Schweitzer's research primarily focuses on decision-making within the legal system, particularly in jury contexts and probation outcomes. Her diverse academic background, including a B.S. in Psychology from the University of North Dakota, informs her teaching and research, which delves into topics such as the influence of emotions on jurors, victim impact statements, and predictors of probation success. Schweitzer's work, reflected in numerous peer-reviewed publications, contributes valuable insights to the understanding of legal decision-making processes.



**Bonnie Shucha**



Bonnie Shucha is Associate Dean and Director of the University of Wisconsin Law School Library. In her nearly 25 years at the Law Library, Dean Shucha served in various roles before her appointment as Associate Dean and Director in 2018. She earned her J.D. from the UW Law School, holds Master's Degrees in Library & Information Science and History from UW-Milwaukee, and received her B.A. in History from UW-Eau Claire. Recently, Dean Shucha help lead a collaborative grant project between the UW Law School, Open Law Library, National Indian Law Library, and Stockbridge-Munsee Band aimed at publishing Tribal Codes.



Bridget Swanke



Bridget Swanke is an in-house tribal attorney with the Stockbridge-Munsee Community in Wisconsin and has worked for them for over 25 years. She attended the University of Wisconsin - Madison and earned her J.D. and a M.S. in Water Resource Management as part of the dual degree program between the UW Law School and the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies. While at the University of Wisconsin Law School, Bridget completed a summer externship through the Great Lakes Indigenous Law Center. Bridget received her B.A. from Ripon College with dual majors in biology and history.



Steph Tai



Steph Tai is currently a professor at University of Wisconsin Law School who focuses their research on environmental law, food systems law, and administrative law. After graduating from Georgetown Law, they held many positions including clerking for a federal judge, working at the Department of Justice, and being a Supreme Court Fellow. They strive to use their science knowledge to improve environmental protection. Some research topics they are passionate about include: environmental justice, scientific expertise in regulation, and how private groups use science.



Philip Tinker



Phillip Tinker is a member of the Osage Nation who joined the law firm of Kanji & Katzen in 2013. After graduating from Trinity University with a philosophy degree, Phillip went on to excel at the University of Tulsa College of Law. During his time in law school, Phillip held several leadership positions, including serving as Articles Research Editor and Symposium Coordinator for the Tulsa Law Review, as well as President of the school's Native American Law Students Association. Prior to joining Kanji & Katzen, Phillip gained valuable experience as a law clerk for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and through internships at the White House and U.S. Department of Justice. At Kanji & Katzen, Phillip has become a key player in their appellate and Supreme Court practice, focusing his efforts on matters of tribal sovereignty, jurisdiction, and governmental powers. Throughout his career, Phillip has remained deeply committed to advocating for the inherent rights and cultural traditions of Native peoples.



Stefanie Tsosie



Stefanie Tsosie is a senior attorney for the Tribal Partnerships Program with Earth Justice, a nonprofit public interest environmental law organization. Based out of Seattle, she currently represents the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians in opposition to Enbridge's proposed reroute of the Line 5 currently in trespass on the reservation. Previously she has litigated on behalf of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe against the Dakota Access Pipeline, the Menominee Indian Tribe against the Back Forty Mine, and the Yurok Tribe against the Bureau of Reclamation. A member of the Navajo Nation, she received her B.A. from Stanford in Sociology and Native American Studies before getting her J.D. from the University of New Mexico School of Law.



Amanda White Eagle



Amanda L. White Eagle, currently the Great Lakes Indigenous Law Center Director and Assistant Teaching Professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School, brings extensive expertise in tribal law and governance. With nearly 20 years of experience, she has served as a judicial officer, interim chief judge, and associate judge for the Ho-Chunk Nation, in addition to holding roles as the Tribe's Attorney General and Executive Director for the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Justice. White Eagle also serves as a Tribal court judge or justice for various Tribal governments across the United States, including the Wampanoag Judiciary and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians. She holds a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School and earned liberal arts degrees, including a B.A. in Anthropology and French, along with a Certificate in American Indian Studies, from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



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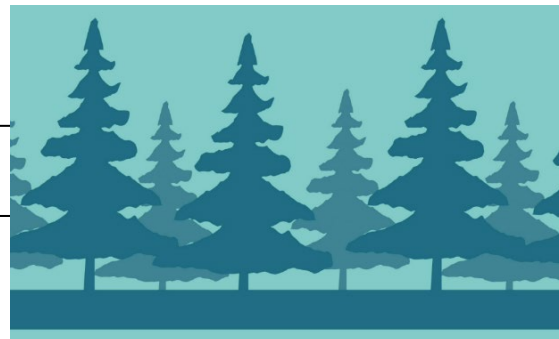
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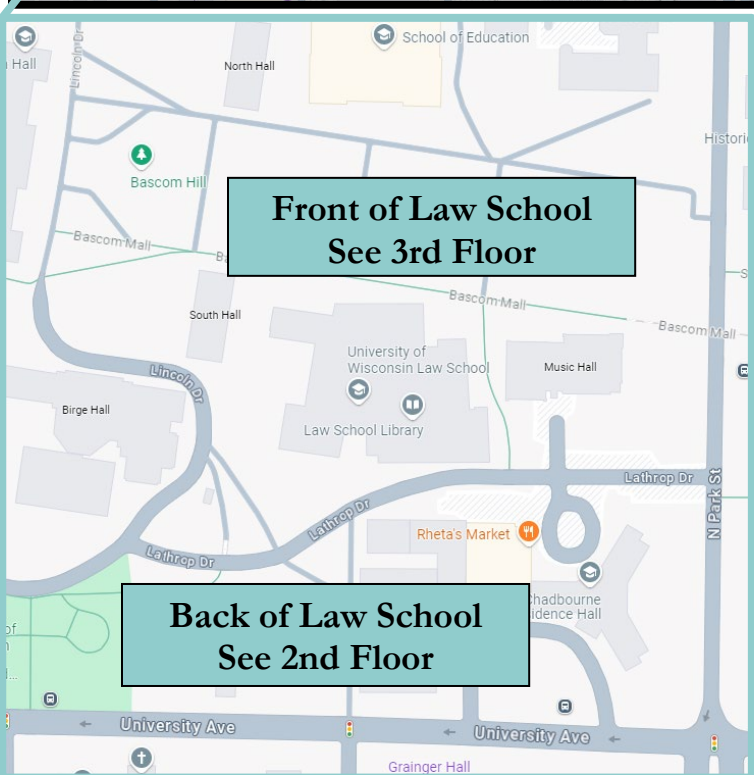
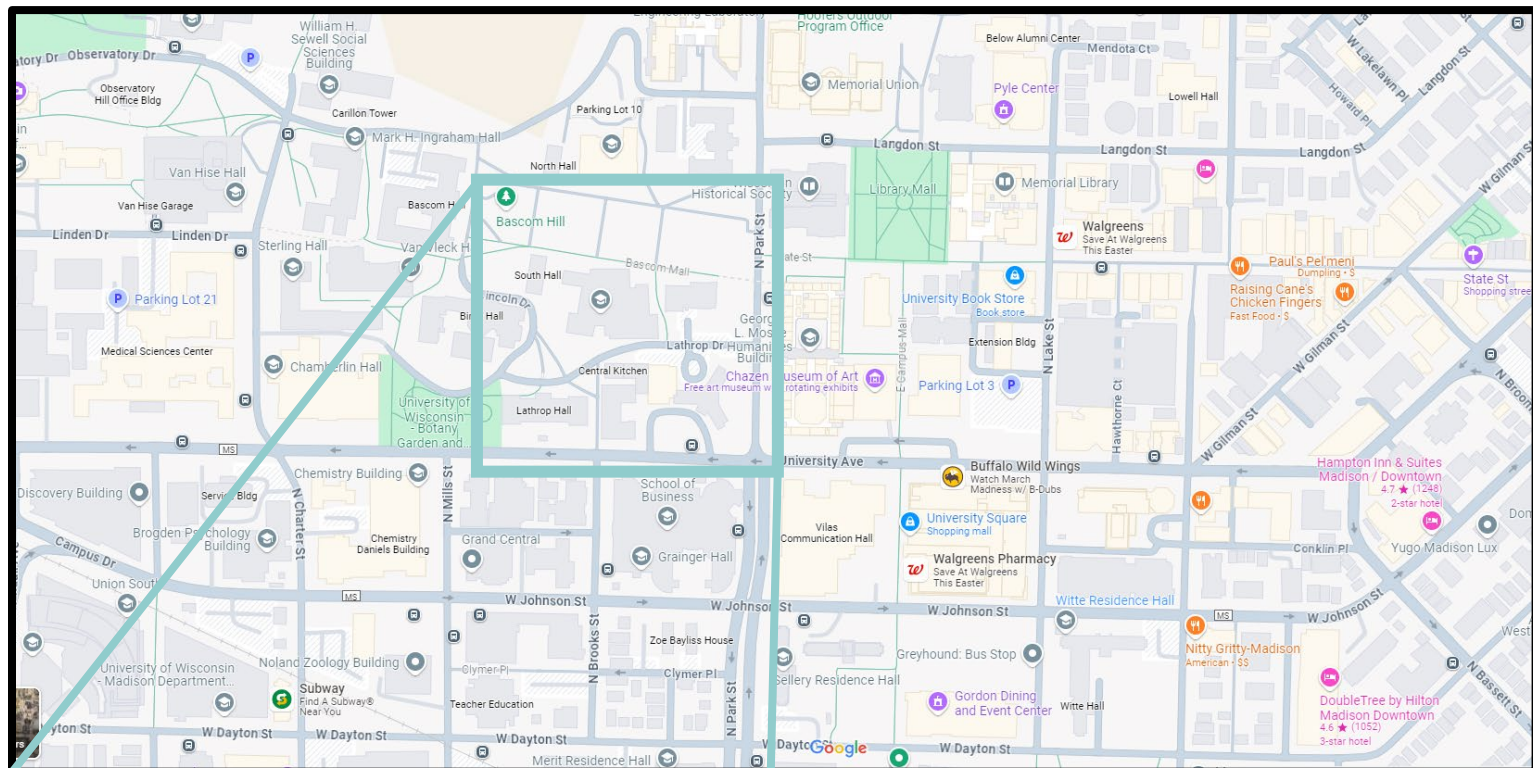




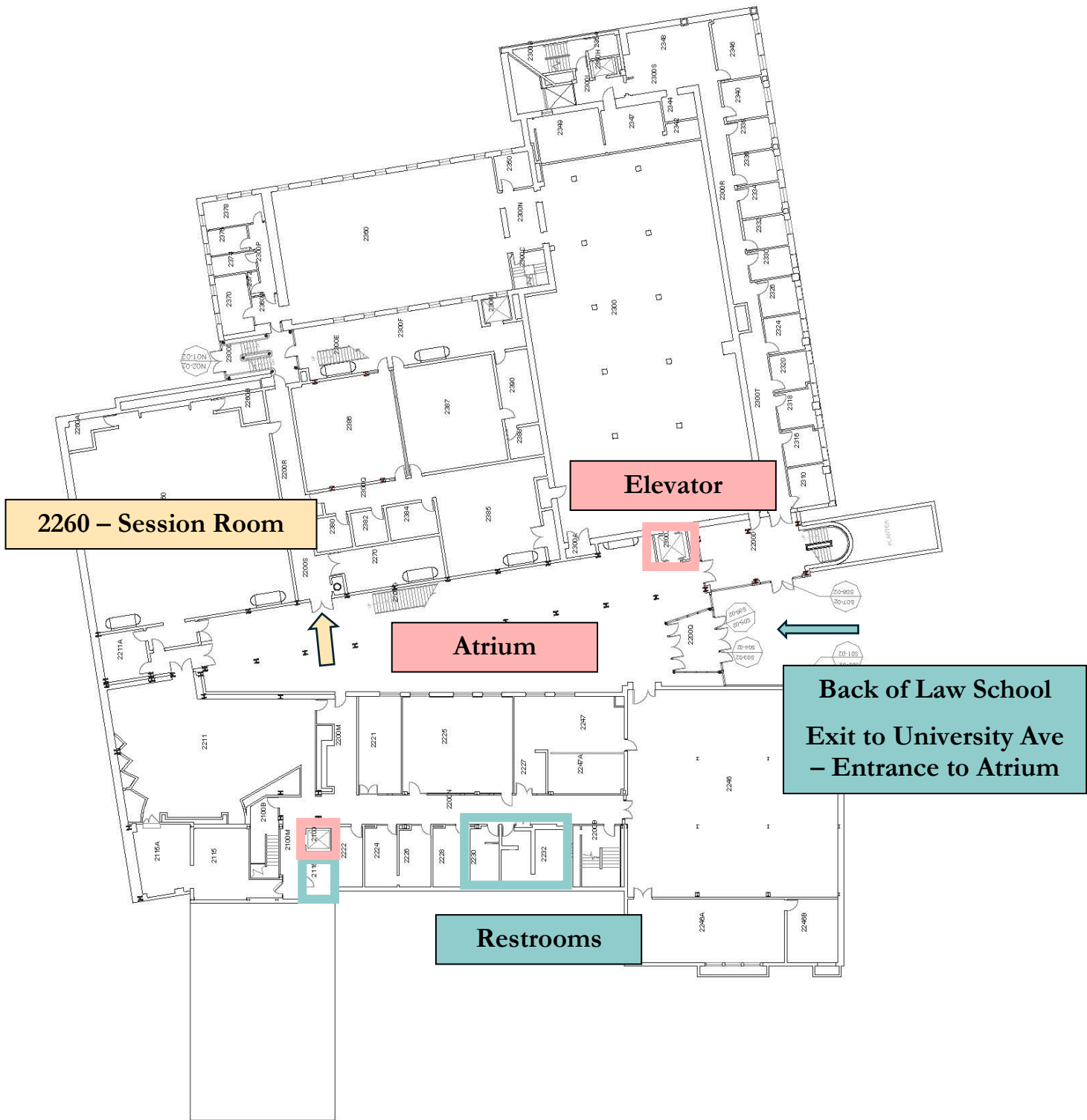
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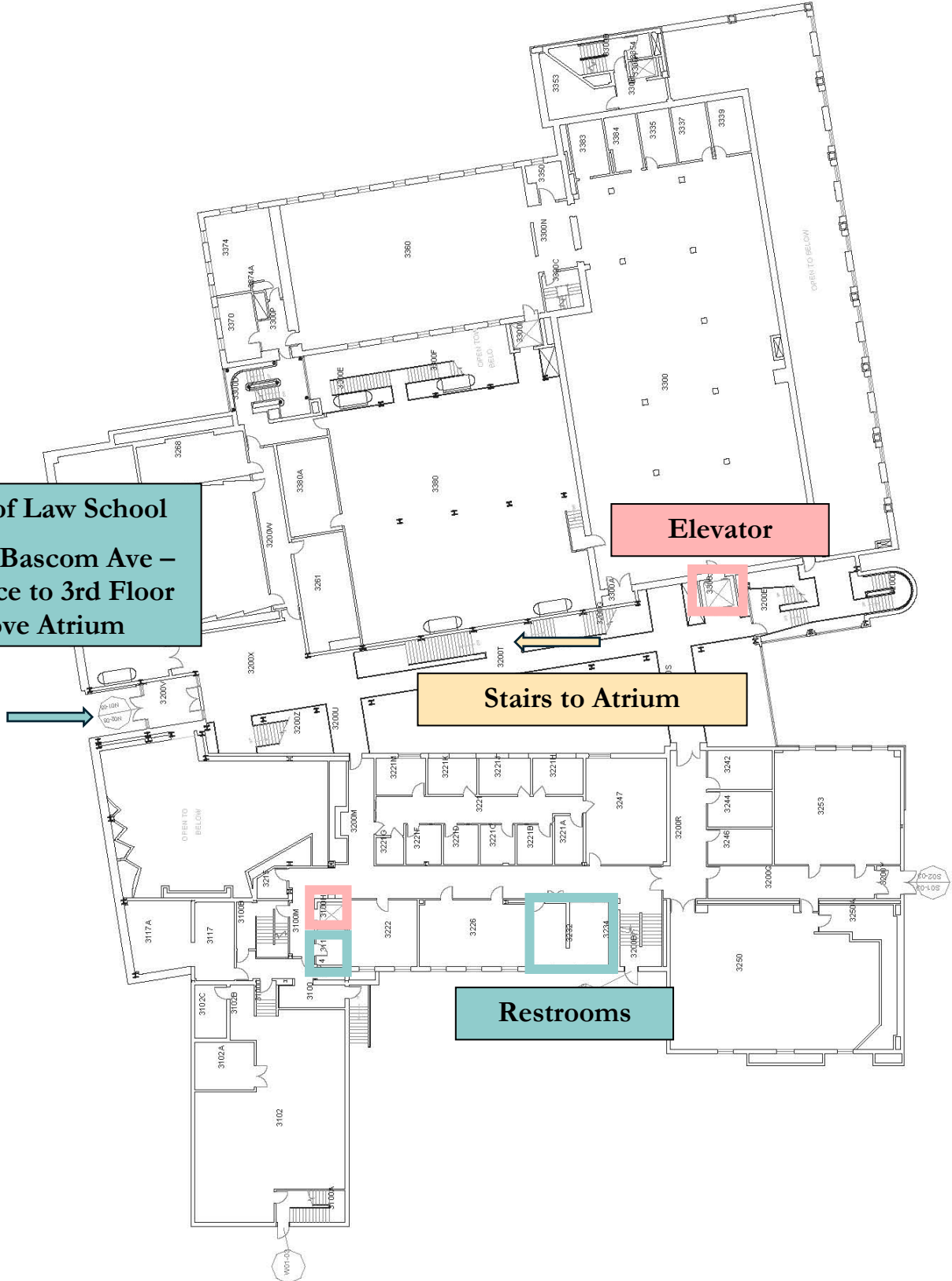


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# LAW SCHOOL – THIRD FLOOR



Front of Law School  
Exit to Bascom Ave –  
Entrance to 3rd Floor  
above Atrium

Elevator

Stairs to Atrium

Restrooms



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## FOOD NEARBY

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### **Poke It Up**

Unfussy, Hawaiian-style poke restaurant offering build-your-own bowls & seaweed wrap burritos.

Address: 540 University Ave, Madison, WI 53703

Phone: (608) 709-5511

Menu: [www.pokeitup.com](http://www.pokeitup.com)

### **Nitty Gritty**

Industrial-style tavern with varied burgers, sandwiches & other American eats, plus many beers.

Address: 223 N Frances St, Madison, WI 53703

Phone: (608) 251-2521

Menu: [www.thegriddy.com](http://www.thegriddy.com)

### **Paul's Pel'meni**

Cozy counter-serve offering Russian beef- & potato-filled pelmeni, with sides of sour cream.

Address: 414 W Gilman St, Madison, WI 53703

Phone: (608) 467-3234

Menu: [www.paulspelmeni.com](http://www.paulspelmeni.com)

### **Mediterranean Café**

Casual, compact cafe serving hummus, falafel & other Mediterranean fare at lunch.

Address: 625 State St, Madison, WI 53703

Phone: (608) 251-8510

Menu: [www.medcafemadison.com](http://www.medcafemadison.com)

### **Der Rathskeller**

Located in: Memorial Union

Address: 800 Langdon St #1211, Madison, WI 53706

Phone: (608) 262-7324

Menu: [www.union.wisc.edu](http://www.union.wisc.edu)

### **QDOBA**

A menu of customizable Mexican food served in a modern restaurant, plus takeout & catering.

Address: 548 State St, Madison, WI 53703

Phone: (608) 280-8720

Menu: [www.qdoba.com](http://www.qdoba.com)

### **Sushi Express**

Snug Japanese eatery featuring a menu that includes sushi, teriyaki & bento boxes, plus delivery.

Address: 610 University Ave, Madison, WI 53715

Phone: (608) 467-9688

### **Ian's Pizza Madison**

Wisconsin-born chain known for its creative pizzas including its signature mac 'n' cheese pie.

Address: 319 N Frances St, Madison, WI 53703

Phone: (608) 257-9248

Menu: [www.ianspizza.com](http://www.ianspizza.com)

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