

## **Potential Effects of the Tribal Law and Order Act on California Tribes**

Laws concerning jurisdiction on Indian Reservations are in flux. Against the backdrop of Public Law 280, enacted in 1953 to transfer certain federal jurisdiction in Indian Country to state governments, including California, this panel will discuss the recently enacted Tribal Law and Order Act and its potential effects on the 108 federally recognized Indian tribes in California from the perspectives of tribal governments, the federal government and tribal courts.

There are 566 Federally Recognized Tribes in the United States. California, which is home to 108 Federally Recognized Tribes, is second only to Alaska, where there are 229 tribes. The attached materials will help to understand tribal, state and federal jurisdiction under Public Law 280 and what changes could come about from the enactment of the Tribal Law and Order Act.

1. United States v. Kagama, 118 U.S. 375 (1886)
2. Public Law 83-280
3. California v. Cabizon, 480 U.S. 202 (1987)
4. The Tribal Law and Order Act [begins at Title II]