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PLENARY 1

Elections 2020: Campaigns and Elections in Indian Country

De León, Jacqueline

Staff Attorney

Native American Rights Fund

Jacqueline De León is an enrolled member of the Isleta Pueblo. As a staff attorney at NARF, she co-led field hearings across Indian Country on Native American voting rights. She currently practices ongoing voter rights litigation. Prior to her work at NARF, De León was a senior associate at WilmerHale for four years focusing on international antitrust and litigation. She holds a J.D. from Stanford and a B.A. from Princeton University in Philosophy.

Pipestem, Wilson

Founding Partner

Pipestem Law Firm

Wilson's career has been dedicated to protecting the rights of tribal governments and American Indians. He has represented and advised tribal governments on a broad range of issues from treaty rights to minerals production to gaming. Advocating before the Congress and the federal administrative agencies, Wilson has helped tribes reacquire lands lost as the result of misguided federal policies through both Congressional enactment and administrative decision. Wilson is a citizen of the Otoe-Missouria Tribe and an Osage Headright Owner. He also is a Founding Partner at Ietan Consulting, a federal advocacy firm that also represents Indian tribes.

Willis, Nicole

Willis Consulting LLC

Nicole Willis, Umatilla, is a political consultant and government affairs specialist and also serves as the Tribal Relations Director for the City of Seattle. She has worked on numerous campaigns at every level. She worked as the lead on tribal policy and strategy for both Bernie '16 and Obama '08, and served as an Obama appointee in the Secretary's Office at USDOL.

PLENARY 2

Indigenizing the Judiciary: The Role of Federal Indian Law in Tribal, State, and Federal Judicial Systems

Abinanti, Hon. Abby

Chief Judge

Yurok Tribal Court

Yurok, Chief Judge of the Yurok Tribe. Retired San Francisco Superior Court Commissioner. First tribal woman to be a member of the California State Bar. Graduate of the University of New Mexico School of Law, 1973.

Miller, Hon. Robert J.

Faculty Director, American Indian Economic Development Program

Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

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Professor, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University; Faculty Director, Rosette LLP American Indian Economic Development Program; Navajo Nation Council of Economic Advisors; Interim Chief Justice, Pascua Yaqui Tribe Court of Appeals; Justice, Grand Ronde Tribe Court of Appeals and Northwest Inter-Tribal Court System; Citizen, Eastern Shawnee Tribe.

Montour, Hon. Mark A.

Supreme Court Justice

Erie County, 8th Judicial District, New York State Court System

Hon. Mark A. Montour is a New York State Supreme Court Justice. He was elected to the position in 2013. Presently Justice Montour presides over a civil calendar and handles 25% of the Integrated Domestic Violence cases in Erie County, is the acting Administrative Judge for the Eighth Judicial District and is the Supervising Judge for Genesee and Wyoming County Town and Village Justice Courts. Justice Montour is an enrolled member of the St. Regis Mohawk Indian Nation and the Mohawks.

Sykes, Hon. Sunshine S.

Superior Court Judge

Superior Court of California, County of Riverside

Judge Sykes is a member of the Navajo Nation, and was born to the Coyote Pass Clan. She was born on the Navajo Reservation in Tuba City, Arizona, and grew up throughout Arizona, New Mexico, and the East Coast. She completed undergraduate studies at Stanford University, majoring in English with a Creative Writing emphasis and graduated with Honors in 1997. After taking a year off and working as an intern at California Indian Legal Services in Oakland, California, she began Stanford Law School in 1998. During law school, she clerked at California Indian Legal Services in Oakland, California and DNA People's Legal Services in Tuba City, Arizona focusing on issues concerning Native Americans and Federal Indian Law. Subsequent to her graduation from law school in 2001, she began a two-year Equal Justice Works Fellowship (formally known as NAPIL) at California Indian Legal Services. In 2003, Judge Sykes began working in Riverside County on the Juvenile Defense Panel representing parents and children in Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency hearings. In 2005, Judge Sykes began work as a Deputy County Counsel for Riverside County. She represented the Department of Social Services in juvenile dependency matters and developed an expertise in the Indian Child Welfare Act. On December 5, 2013, Judge Sykes was appointed to the Riverside County Superior Court by Governor Edmund G. Brown and subsequently, on June 3, 2014 was elected to the same position by the voters of Riverside County. According to the Riverside County Superior Court, Judge Sykes is the first Native American judge ever to be appointed to the Riverside County bench. She currently presided over an Unlimited Civil trial and law and motion calendar.

PLENARY 3

Treaty Rights and Reservation Disestablishment Before the U.S. Supreme Court

Harrington, Mathew

Shareholder

Stokes Lawrence, P.S.

Mat has extensive experience representing corporations and individuals in his litigation practice, which emphasizes employment law, trust and estate litigation, Indian law, and public law. An experienced trial lawyer, he has obtained successful results for his clients, including trying numerous cases to jury verdict

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as lead counsel. Mat handles all aspects of complex litigation — from pre-suit investigation and discovery through dispositive motion practice and trial. He deals with post-trial proceedings as well as appeals, recently arguing and prevailing in a case defending tribal treaty interests before the Washington Supreme Court. He has advocated for clients in lawsuits relating to employment law, non-compete agreements, trusts and estates, fiduciary duties, public disclosure laws, the Public Records Act, antitrust law, class actions, breach of contract, deceptive trade practices, fraud, and trade secret misappropriation. In 2016 Mat was named one of the Top 100 Lawyers in Washington State by Washington Super Lawyers. For the past 12 years, he has been recognized as a “Super Lawyer” and a “Rising Star.”

Kanji, Riyaz

Founding Partner

Kanji & Katzen PLLC

Riyaz’s present practice encompasses a wide variety of issues of central importance to the preservation and enhancement of tribal sovereignty, including vindication of tribal jurisdictional and taxation authority, environmental protection, Indian gaming and other economic development matters, treaty hunting and fishing rights, and land claims.

Routel, Colette

Professor of Law, Director of Indian Law Program

Mitchell Hamline School of Law

Colette Routel is a Professor of Law and Director of the Indian Law Program at Mitchell Hamline School of Law. After graduating from the University of Michigan Law School, Colette worked at Faegre Baker Daniels and the Jacobson Law Group. She became a law professor in 2007, but has maintained a robust pro bono practice that emphasizes treaty rights litigation, and also includes amicus briefs to the U.S. Supreme Court. Colette is of counsel at Hogen Adams PLLC, a Native-owned boutique firm.

Whiteman Runs Him, Heather

Staff Attorney

Native American Rights Fund

Heather Whiteman Runs Him is a staff attorney at the Native American Rights Fund in Boulder, Colorado, where she focuses on tribal water rights and natural resource issues. She previously served as Joint Lead Counsel for the Crow Tribe of Montana, where she oversaw and was additionally responsible for a wide variety of legal issues pertaining to intergovernmental relations, tribal land management, water rights, elections, health and social services, law enforcement, economic development, and general litigation issues. Prior to working with the Crow Tribe, Heather practiced in New Mexico as an Assistant Public Defender, and additionally worked as an associate attorney in private practice, serving tribal governmental clients on a wide variety of issues. Heather is a member of the Crow Tribe and grew up on the Crow Reservation, and received her Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School. She received her B.A.F.A. with high honors in Art History, and with honors in Studio Art from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, and her A.F.A. from the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She is licensed to practice law before the State Bar of New Mexico, the District of New Mexico, and the Crow Tribal Court.

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ICWA and the Classification of Tribes as Political or Governmental Units

Fort, Kathryn

Director, Indian Law Clinic and Adjunct Professor

Michigan State University, College of Law

Kathryn E. Fort is the Director of the Indian Law Clinic at the Indigenous Law and Policy Center at Michigan State University College of Law. Most recently, she started the Indian Child Welfare Act Appellate Project, which assists tribes in ICWA cases across the country. She teaches both the clinical class and traditional classes in federal Indian law. She is the author of the casebook American Indian Children and the Law (forthcoming), and co-edits the popular Indian law blog, TurtleTalk.

Kintz, JoAnn

Trial Attorney, Environment & Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Spotted Elk, Sheldon

Director, Indian Child Welfare

Casey Family Programs

Tahsuda III, John

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary

U.S. Department of the Interior

John Tahsuda III, a member of the Kiowa Indian Tribe of Oklahoma, was appointed by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs (PDAS) effective September 3, 2017. The PDAS serves as the first assistant and principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs in the development and interpretation of policies affecting Indian Affairs bureaus, offices, and programs. Mr. Tahsuda came to the Department from Washington, D.C.-based Navigators Global, LLC, where he was a principal. Navigators Global is a company that specializes in and offers a wide range of political services to multiple industry sectors, including financial services, insurance, energy, health care, defense, emergency management, American Indian tribal affairs, and high tech/telecommunications. Before joining Navigators Global, Tahsuda had served since 2002 as staff director of the U.S. Senate’s Indian Affairs Committee. Prior to joining the Committee’s staff, Tahsuda was engaged in private practice, served the Oneida Indian Nation of New York as acting general counsel, and was an adjunct professor of law at Cornell Law School. Tahsuda received a juris doctorate from Cornell Law School in 1993 and a Bachelor of Science degree from Oklahoma State University in 1990.

PLENARY 5

Supreme Court Strategy: What Tribes Should Know

Gershengorn, Ian Heath

Partner, Chair of Appellate and Supreme Court Practice

Jenner & Block

Mr. Gershengorn is chair of the firm’s Appellate and Supreme Court Practice and is one of the Nation’s premier Supreme Court and appellate advocates. Before joining the firm in 2017, he served in the Office of the Solicitor General at the US Department of Justice, first as Principal Deputy Solicitor General and then as Acting Solicitor General of the United States, a position he held from June 2016 until the end of

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the Obama administration in January 2017. Mr. Gershengorn's practice focuses on advising clients on a range of complex litigation and strategy problems, with particular emphasis on commercial disputes and challenges involving government, regulatory, and other public policy issues.

Shah, Pratik A.

Partner, Co-chair of Supreme Court & Appellate Practice

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

*Pratik Shah, co-chair of Akin Gump's Supreme Court and Appellate practice, has argued 15 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. He briefs and argues cases in federal and state appellate courts across the country and provides strategic advice to clients at all stages of constitutional, regulatory and other complex litigation. Under Pratik's leadership, Akin Gump has been a mainstay on the NLJ's "Appellate Hot List" and was named one of the top three appellate practices in the 2017 "Best of Corporate Counsel" rankings. Before joining the firm in 2013, Pratik served for more than five years as an Assistant to the Solicitor General at the DOJ. He received a number of awards for his advocacy before the Supreme Court during that time, including the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award for his role as lead drafter of the successful challenge to the Defense of Marriage Act in *United States v. Windsor*. Prior to his work at the DOJ, Pratik worked in the appellate practice of another international law firm, taught constitutional law, and clerked for Justice Stephen G. Breyer on the U.S. Supreme Court and Judge William A. Fletcher on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit.*

PLENARY 6

Treaty Fishing Rights and Sovereign Immunity at the Supreme Court

Ballinger, Kristin E.

Partner

Harrigan Leyh Farmer & Thomsen LLP

*Kristin and her firm represent the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe on various matters, including working closely with its leadership and General Counsel on its successful petition to the U.S. Supreme Court in *Upper Skagit Indian Tribe v. Lundgren* and in ongoing litigation in *U.S. v. Washington*. Prior to private practice, Kristin graduated from Whitman College and Columbia University School of Law, clerked for federal judge William L. Dwyer, and prosecuted criminal cases.*

Charnes, Adam H.

Partner

Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP

*Adam H. Charnes practices appellate and constitutional litigation. Mr. Charnes has extensive experience in cases pending in federal and state courts of appeals across the nation. His clients have included such corporations as DuPont, Ford, Nestlé Waters North America, and AT&T, and tribes including the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians. Mr. Charnes, who clerked for Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, is a fellow of the prestigious American Academy of Appellate Lawyers and is recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America for Appellate Law*.*

Mohan, Maryanne

Tribal Attorney

Office of the Tribal Attorney, Suquamish Tribe

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Maryanne Mohan is a Tribal Attorney with the Suquamish Tribe focusing on treaty rights and environmental litigation. Prior to her position with the Suquamish Tribe, Maryanne was a Tribal Attorney at the Nisqually Tribe where she focused on representing Nisqually in United States v. Washington. She attended the University of Oklahoma College of Law.

PLENARY 7

Indigenous Peoples and Human Rights: Using International Mechanisms to Protect Indigenous Rights

Cabrera Lopez, Juanita

Executive Director
International Mayan League

Gillette, Jodi Archambault

Director, Indigenous Peoples Initiatives
Wend

Jodi Archambault Gillette (Hunkpapa and Oglala Lakota) is currently the Director of Indigenous Peoples Initiatives at Wend Ventures, a social impact investment portfolio working across sectors to create positive change. Prior to joining Wend Ventures, Ms. Gillette was a Policy Advisor at Sonosky, Chambers & Sachse, a national Native American rights law firm. Between 2009 and 2015, she was as a political appointee for President Barack Obama. During her tenure in the Obama Administration, Ms. Gillette served as the Special Assistant to the President for Native American Affairs on the White House Domestic Policy Council. Ms. Gillette holds a Bachelor of Arts in Government and Native American Studies from Dartmouth College and a Master of Public Policy from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs. She is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

Kinnison, Akilah

Assistant Professor of Law
The University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law

Akilah Kinnison is an Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Arizona's Indigenous Peoples Law & Policy Program. She teaches Critical Race Theory and Public International Law, and she works on matters related to the application of international law to indigenous rights issues in the United States.

O'Loughlin, Shannon Keller

Executive Director and Attorney
Association on American Indian Affairs

Shannon Keller O'Loughlin is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and the Executive Director and attorney for the Association on American Indian Affairs. Shannon was a former Chief of Staff of the National Indian Gaming Commission and has also served Indian Country in the private sector as an attorney in large firm practice, in-house counsel and solo practice. Shannon continues to serve as an Obama appointee to the Culture Property Advisory Committee in the State Department.

PLENARY 8

#MeToo: Ethical Considerations of Workplace Sexual Harassment and Discrimination

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Tweedy, Ann

Tribal Attorney

Muckleshoot Indian Tribe

Ann E. Tweedy is a leading expert on federal Indian law and sexuality and the law, particularly in the area of employment discrimination. Her many articles and book chapters have been cited in seminal treatises, such as Cohen's Handbook of Federal Indian Law, and reprinted in textbooks, including Justin Richland and Sarah Deer's Introduction to Tribal Legal Studies and Rubenstein et al.'s Cases and Materials on Sexual Orientation and the Law. She has frequently been invited to speak on topics relating to federal Indian law, sexuality and the law, and tribal law. In recognition of her leadership in the area of sexuality and the law, she was invited to the White House in both September 2015 and September 2016 for Bisexual Community Policy Briefings, and, in 2016, she presented the Rubash Distinguished Lecture in Law and Social Work on the topic of Bi/Sexuality at the Margins at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. She has also served as part of an international team of experts providing pro bono service to UNDP/Jamaica in the analysis of an anti-discrimination legislation proposal for Jamaica, ABA-UNDP International Legal Resource Center (ILRC). She has served as an Associate Professor at the former Hamline University School of Law and currently is both in-house counsel for Muckleshoot Indian Tribe in Washington State and an adjunct professor at University Tulsa College of Law. She has also taught at Michigan State University College of Law and California Western School of Law. After graduating from University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Order of the Coif), she clerked for Judge Gould of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and Judge Armstrong of the Oregon Court of Appeals. Ann currently serves as Chair of the Federal Bar Association's Indian Law Section.

Munitz, Ryan J.

Associate

Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP

Ryan Munitz is an associate in the Labor and Employment Group in the firm's Washington, D.C. office. Ms. Munitz's practice focuses on labor and employment counseling, particularly regarding compliance with the National Labor Relations Act. She specializes in the Railway Labor Act and has extensive experience advising employers during union organizing campaigns regarding compliance with the RLA. Ms. Munitz has experience representing companies in labor arbitrations and labor negotiations, and handling other traditional labor matters. She also assists clients with drafting employment, severance, confidentiality, non-competition, and non-solicitation agreements, as well as other employment policies, in compliance with state and federal law. Aside from her practice, Ms. Munitz has also taught a course on Legal Research and Writing at The George Washington University Law School as an Adjunct Professor.

Nagle, Mary Kathryn

Partner

Pipestem Law Firm

Mary Kathryn has significant experience in briefing other issues of constitutional law related to federal Indian law, as well as cases that implicate statutory rights under Indian rights laws such as the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. She has prepared for and litigated cases in the New York Supreme Court, United States Bankruptcy Court, and federal district courts across the country. Mary Kathryn is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation.

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Tribal Self-Determination in On-Reservation Energy Development and Distribution

Bob, Diana

Native Law PLLC

Diana Bob is the owner of Native Law PLLC, a firm focused on environmental and Indian law. She works on matters relating to natural resources, water rights, land use, tax and other intergovernmental matters. She graduated from Pitzer College in Claremont, California, and Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon, with a JD and certificate in Environmental Law. Diana is an enrolled member of the Lummi Nation.

Moorehead, Paul G.

Principal

Powers Pyles Sutter & Verville PC

For more than 25 years, Paul Moorehead has dedicated his practice to federal Indian law and policy, including appropriations, commercial transactions, energy and natural resources, trust reform, gaming, healthcare and telemedicine, housing and infrastructure, Tribal Self-Governance, taxation, and Indian land and water rights settlements. Prior to entering private practice, Paul was chief counsel and staff director to the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs under Chairman Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-CO), and counsel and government affairs director to the National Congress of American Indians, the oldest and most representative tribal advocacy organization in the nation. He has been recognized by CHAMBERS USA since 2006; serves on the National Council of the National Museum of the American Indian; and is the Board President of Strategies for International Development, a non-profit serving American Indian farmers in Guatemala and Peru. He received his J.D. from Temple University School of Law and his bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware.

Nu'uhiwa, Breann Y.S.

Associate General Counsel

Pechanga Indian Reservation

Breann Nu'uhiwa serves as Senior Associate General Counsel to the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians in Temecula, California. As Senior Associate General Counsel, Breann provides strategic legal advice and counsel to Pechanga's government departments and business enterprises. Breann co-led Pechanga's initiative to form Pechanga Western Electric, the first tribally owned and operated wholesale electric utility in the State of California, and she continues to work closely with the utility's leadership team on legal and regulatory matters. Prior to joining Pechanga, Breann served as Assistant General Counsel to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community in Scottsdale, Arizona and Chief Advocate of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in Honolulu, Hawai'i. Breann began her legal career as a litigator with Thelen Reid & Priest LLP, and she also litigated with Reed Smith LLP before returning to government service in 2015. Breann has a Bachelor's Degree from Yale University; a Juris Doctor from the University of Southern California; and a Master of Laws in Tribal Policy, Law, and Government from Arizona State University.

BREAKOUT 2

Future of Indigenous Land Rights: Protecting the Homelands

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Duren, Colby

Director

Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative, University of Arkansas

Colby is the Director of the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative at the University of Arkansas' Office of the Vice Chancellor for Economic Development (IFAI). His over 11 years of experience in federal Indian law and policy includes specific focuses on food, agriculture, nutrition, natural resources, economic development, and work on three Farm Bills.

Goodluck, Tracy Canard

Deputy Director

Secretary's Indian Water Rights Office, U.S. Department of the Interior

Tracy (Oneida Nation of Wisconsin and Mvskoke Creek) is the Deputy Director of the Secretary's Indian Water Rights (SIWRO) Office at the U.S. Department of the Interior. Prior to SIWRO she was an Attorney-Advisor in Interior's Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs. Tracy has an A.B in Sociology from Dartmouth College, a Master's in Teaching from the University of Washington and her J.D. from the University of New Mexico.

Keeler, Honor

Assistant Director

Utah Dine Bikeyah

Honor currently serves as the Assistant Director at Utah Dine Bikeyah, an American Indian non-profit organization with an all-Native American Board that seeks to protect the Bears Ears cultural landscape and the traditional knowledge of five Tribes. In May 2018, she was appointed to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee by U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, to monitor, review and assist in the implementation of certain requirements of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of 1990. She is a citizen of Cherokee Nation.

Kohn, Samuel

Managing Associate

Dentons US, LLP

Samuel Kohn is a managing associate in Dentons' Native American Law and Policy practice. He has advised tribal clients on fee-to-trust applications for gaming and non-gaming acquisitions as well as defense of those acquisitions, resulting in the restoration of hundreds acres to tribal trust status. Sam is an enrolled member of the Crow Tribe of Montana. Following law school, he served as a law clerk to the Hon. Brian Morris of the US District Court of the Montana.

BREAKOUT 3

Cooperative and Community-Based Responses to Combat Crime in Indian Country

Davis, Virginia

Senior Policy Advisor

National Congress of American Indians

Virginia Davis is a Senior Advisor at the National Congress of American Indians. Virginia works on policy and legal issues related to public safety in tribal communities and violence against Native women. She previously served as the Deputy Director for Policy at the Office on Violence Against Women at the

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U.S. Department of Justice. Virginia graduated from Harvard Law School and Yale University and was a Women's Law and Public Policy Fellow at Georgetown University.

Flores Jr., OJ

Chief Prosecutor

Pascua Yaqui Prosecutor's Office

OSCAR "OJ" FLORES currently serves as the Chief Prosecutor of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. He is a proud member of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and a Tucson, Arizona native. OJ came to the Pascua Yaqui Prosecutor's Office after working for several years at the Pima County Attorney's Office. While at the Pima County Attorney's Office, OJ was quickly promoted to a felony caseload in the Violent Offenses Unit where he successfully conducted numerous jury trials. OJ has successfully prosecuted complex cases such as First Degree Murders, Second Degree Murders, Manslaughter, Aggravated Assaults, Home Invasions, and Armed Robberies among other violent and nonviolent offenses. In 2012, he was awarded the Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD) DUI Enforcement Felony Prosecutor. OJ acquired his Law Degree and Masters in Criminal Justice from the University of Arizona. OJ also attended Northern Arizona University where he was a member of their 2003 Big Sky Conference Championship Football team. He is admitted to practice law in the State of Arizona, the United States District Court of Arizona as a SAUSA, and the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Court. He also currently serves in the National Inter-Tribal Working Group (ITWG) to assist in VAWA implementation. He has presented on VAWA implementation for the National Congress of American Indians, the Intertribal Court of Southern California, the Sovereignty Symposium, Stanford Law School, the University of Arizona James E Rogers College of Law, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Districts of South Dakota, North Dakota and Nebraska, the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women and at Congressional Briefings. He has also presented for the American Bar Association and for the Casey Family Foundation.

Shores, R. Trent

United States Attorney

Northern District of Oklahoma

The Honorable Trent Shores was sworn in as United States Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma on September 22, 2017. As the United States Attorney, Mr. Shores is the chief federal law enforcement officer responsible for all federal criminal prosecutions and civil litigation involving the United States in the Northern District of Oklahoma, an area covering eleven counties and including thirteen federally recognized Indian tribes. He leads a staff of more than fifty-five attorneys and support personnel to accomplish this mission. On November 13, 2017, Attorney General Jeff Sessions appointed Mr. Shores to the Attorney General's Advisory Committee, a select group of United States Attorneys who provide advice and counsel directly to the Attorney General on matters of policy, procedure, and management. Mr. Shores was also appointed as Chair of the Native American Issues Subcommittee, a group of United States Attorneys charged with developing and guiding national policy for Indian Country justice. Mr. Shores also serves on the Tribal Issues Advisory Group, an ad hoc advisory group to the United States Sentencing Commission, as well as a member of the Attorney General's Management, People, and Performance Subcommittee and the Victim and Community Issues Working Group. Prior to his appointment as United States Attorney, Mr. Shores served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of Oklahoma from 2007 through 2017. He also served as the National Security Cyber Specialist and worked closely with the Joint Terrorism Task Force to investigate and prosecute cybercrimes and domestic terrorism. In 2015, Mr. Shores served as Oklahoma First Assistant Attorney

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General. Previously, Mr. Shores served as the Deputy Director of the Department of Justice's Office of Tribal Justice in Washington, D.C., where he addressed a diverse array of criminal and civil legal issues facing Native Americans and Alaska Natives. Mr. Shores graduated with a degree in political science from Vanderbilt University and received his Juris Doctor from the University of Oklahoma. He is a graduate of Leadership Tulsa Class 56. Mr. Shores is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and resides in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with his wife, Caitlin.

BREAKOUT 4

Current Issues in Taxation and Economic Development

Bartlett, Brad

Senior Counsel

McAllister Garfield, P.C.

Brad serves as Senior Counsel at McAllister Garfield, P.C. and also directs the firm's Tribal Cannabis Law Group. Brad regularly advises his clients on business transaction matters including corporate start up, financing, and regulatory and environmental compliance. Brad is also a highly experienced litigator and has handled numerous environmental enforcement cases and American Indian law matters in tribal court, state court and federal trial and appellate courts. Over the course of this career, Brad has worked extensively throughout Indian Country. Brad regularly advises his clients on developing tribal civil and criminal codes to address cannabis and hemp, establishing tribally owned and operated cannabis businesses and creating joint ventures and other business arrangements. In 2018, Brad scored a decisive federal court victory on behalf of a federally recognized American Indian tribe in Wisconsin upholding the tribe's ability to cultivate hemp and produce Cannabidiol or CBD. Brad is licensed to practice law in Colorado and admitted to practice before Federal courts in Colorado and Wyoming as well as the Ninth, Tenth and D.C. Circuit Courts of Appeals.

Chaudhuri, Jonodev O.

Chairman

National Indian Gaming Commission

Jonodev Osceola Chaudhuri (Muscogee (Creek)) was nominated by President Barack Obama and unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate in April 2015. Prior to this, Chairman Chaudhuri was appointed to the Commission by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and served brief turns as Vice Chair and Associate Commissioner before being designated as Acting NIGC Chairman by the President in October 2013. As the sixth presidentially appointed and Senate-confirmed Chair, Chairman Chaudhuri brings to the NIGC extensive policy, legal, and judicial experience and a lifelong commitment to serving the Native American community. Before joining the NIGC, Chairman Chaudhuri was Senior Counselor to the Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs where he provided guidance and assistance on a wide range of national policy issues including Indian gaming, economic development, energy, Alaskan affairs, and tribal recognition. Chairman Chaudhuri has practiced law for more than 15 years, primarily in private practice representing tribal nations and commercial entities. Additionally, Chairman Chaudhuri served as a judge on five different tribal courts, including serving as Chief Justice of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court. Originally from Tempe, Arizona, but very much tied to his family roots in Oklahoma, Chairman Chaudhuri graduated in 1993 with a B.A. from Dartmouth College and a J.D. from Cornell Law School in 1999.

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Lawson, Sarah Roubidoux

Of Counsel

Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt PC

Sarah Roubidoux Lawson is Of Counsel at Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt in Seattle. Sarah works with tribal governments and tribal entities to achieve self-governance and economic development goals. She has broad experience advising tribes, focusing particularly on tax and trust land issues. She earned her B.A. from the University of Michigan, J.D. from the University of Wisconsin, and Tax LL.M. from the University of Washington. Sarah is an enrolled member of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska.

Thompson, Heather Dawn

Attorney

Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Heather Dawn Thompson, is a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, a Harvard Law School graduate, and an expert in Native American Tribal economic development. She is the Founder and Lead Manager of Native American Capital's Tribal Opportunity Zones Venture Group. She has expertise in tribal owned businesses and the legal, tax, financial, and structuring benefits of conducting business with Tribal governments and Tribal corporations. She is a Bush Fellow focusing on Tribal Finance, Tribal sustainable enterprises, and Native American food sovereignty. Thompson has extensive experience working with investors and corporations doing business in Indian Country, individual tribes, tribal and Indian-owned corporations, and intertribal associations.