



# A Fair Impartial Independent Judiciary

## THE SOVEREIGNTY SYMPOSIUM XXVI

June 5 - 6  
Skirvin Hotel  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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## Wednesday Morning

4.5 CLE credits / 1 ethics included

7:30 – 4:30 Registration Honors Lounge

8:00 – 8:30 Complimentary Continental Breakfast

10:30 – 10:45 Morning Coffee / Tea Break

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch on your own

### 8:30 – 5:30 **PANEL A: TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### 8:30 – 12:30 **INITIATIVES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

MODERATOR: DR. JAMES C. COLLARD, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Citizen Potawatomi Nation

DAVID WALTERS, President, Walters Power International, Governor of Oklahoma, 1990-1994

DEE ALEXANDER, Senior Advisor on Native American Affairs, United States Department of Commerce

JONNA KIRSCHNER, ESQ., Executive Director and General Counsel, Oklahoma Department of Commerce

ROY H. WILLIAMS, President and CEO, Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce

GEORGE LEE, Vice-President, Red Devil, Inc., Chair, Oklahoma Governor's International Team

JANIE HIPPI, ESQ., (*Chickasaw*), Director, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative, University of Arkansas School of Law

TIM GATZ, Director of Capital Programs, Oklahoma Department of Transportation

JAY ADAMS, Tribal Liaison, Oklahoma Department of Transportation

GAVIN CLARKSON, (*Choctaw*), Professor of Law, University of Houston

Crystal Room

### 8:30 – 12:30 **PANEL B: VETERANS**

### 8:30 – 10:45 **ISSUES FACING MILITARY MEMBERS PAST AND PRESENT**

CO-MODERATORS: W. KEITH RAPP, Judge, Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals

RITA ARAGON, (*Choctaw /Cherokee*), Major General (ret.), Air Force National Guard, Oklahoma Secretary of Veterans Affairs

DEBORAH ANN REHEARD, ESQ., Past President (2011), Oklahoma Bar Association, Member, Judicial Nominating Commission, Executive Director, Pros4Vets

BRENT WRIGHT, (*Cherokee*), Colonel, Staff Judge Advocate, Oklahoma National Guard, 138th Fighter Wing [ANG] [ACC]

CURTIS ARNOLD, Colonel, Construction Facilities Manager, Oklahoma National Guard

Grand Ball Room B

### 10:45 – 12:30 **VETERANS AND DIVERSION COURT PROGRAMS – UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

MODERATOR: DOUGLAS COMBS, (*Muscogee Creek*), Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

JOSEPH DUDLEY, Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist, Oklahoma City Veterans Administration Medical Center

DEVAN BROTHERTON, Tulsa County Veterans Treatment Court Liaison/Readjustment Counselor, Jack C. Montgomery Veterans Administration Medical Center

CATHERINE BURTON, ESQ., Assistant District Attorney, Oklahoma County

PAULA WILLCOX, Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist

### 8:30 – 5:30 **PANEL C: A FAIR, IMPARTIAL, AND INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY**

### 8:30 – 12:30 **HISTORICAL ANALYSIS**

MODERATOR: PHILLIP LUJAN, (*Kiowa/Taos-Pueblo*), Presiding Judge, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Court

BRUCE FISHER, Administrative Programs Officer, Oklahoma Historical Society

TERRY WEST, ESQ., General Counsel, Oklahoma Council on Judicial Complaints

THOMAS S. WALKER, (*Wyandotte/Cherokee*), Appellate Magistrate of the Court of Indian Offenses for the Southern Plains Region of Tribes, District Judge, Retired, Brigadier General (ret.), Oklahoma National Guard

CATHY CHRISTENSEN, ESQ., Immediate Past President (2012), Oklahoma Bar Association

Centennial Ballroom

### 1:15 – 2:30 **OPENING CEREMONY AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

MASTER OF CEREMONIES – RUDOLPH HARGRAVE, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court, Retired

PRESENTATION OF FLAGS

HONOR GUARDS: Kiowa Black Leggings Society and Absentee Shawnee Veterans Association

DRUM: SOUTHERN NATION

CAMP CALL: GORDON YELLOWMAN, (*Cheyenne*), Chief, Council of the 44, Director, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Language Program

INVOCATION: ROBERT E. HAYES, Jr., Bishop of the United Methodist Conference of Oklahoma

MARY FALLIN, Governor of Oklahoma

JAMES T. STUART, President, Oklahoma Bar Association

TOM COLBERT, Chief Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR

**KEYNOTE: SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, Retired**

ADDRESS: TOM COLE, (*Chickasaw*), Congressman, United States House of Representatives, Oklahoma District Four

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS: YVONNE KAUGER, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

HONOR AND MEMORIAL SONGS: SOUTHERN NATION

CLOSING PRAYER: WILLIAM WANTLAND, (*Seminole/Chickasaw/Choctaw*), Chief Justice, Seminole Nation Supreme Court, former Bishop of the Diocese of Eau Claire

Grand Ball Room D-F

**Wednesday Afternoon**  
4.5 CLE credits / 1 ethics included  
2:30 – 2:45 Tea / Cookie Break for all Panels

**2:45 – 5:30**      **PANEL A : TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (A Continuation of the Morning Panel)**

**TRIBAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COOPERATION**

Crystal Room  
MODERATOR: DR. JAMES C. COLLARD, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Citizen Potawatomi Nation  
JOHN A. BARRETT, (*Citizen Potawatomi Nation*), Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation  
WALLACE COFFEY, (*Comanche*), Chairman, Comanche Nation of Oklahoma  
JAY HANNAH, (*Cherokee*), Executive Vice President, Financial Services, BancFirst  
WES MAINORD, Mayor, Shawnee, Oklahoma  
CAROLYN STAGER, Executive Director, Oklahoma Municipal League  
ANN M. FELTON, CEO, Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanity  
JOHN TYLER HAMMONS, (*Cherokee*), Former Mayor, Muskogee, Oklahoma  
JUSTIN WOOD, State Representative, District 26, Oklahoma

**2:45 – 5:30**      **PANEL B: THE ESSENTIALS OF TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNMENT AND SOVEREIGNTY**

Grand Ballroom A-B  
MODERATORS: JERRY GOODMAN, Judge, Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals  
ALEXANDER T. SKIBINE, (*Osage*), S.J. Quinney Professor of Law, S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah  
ROBERT J. MILLER, (*Eastern Shawnee*), Professor of Law, Lewis and Clark Law School  
ELIZABETH A. KRONK, (*Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians*), Associate Professor of Law, University of Kansas School of Law, Director, Tribal Law and Government Center, Affiliated Professor, Indigenous Studies  
GEORGE T. SKIBINE, ESQ., (*Osage*), SNR Denton  
LINDSAY ROBERTSON, Professor of Law, University of Oklahoma College of Law, Faculty Director, American Indian Law and Policy Center, and Associate Director, Inter-American Center for Law and Culture  
CHAD SMITH, ESQ., (*Cherokee*), Chad Smith Consulting, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, 1999-2011  
JOSE FRANCISCO CALI TZAY, (*Myan Caqchikel*), 2013 Fellow in Comparative and Indigenous Peoples Law, University of Oklahoma College of Law

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**2:45 – 3:15**      **ETHICS ADDRESS**

JOHN REIF, Vice-Chief Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

**3:15 – 4:45**      **THE JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION AND JUDICIAL RETENTION**

Centennial Ballroom  
CO-MODERATOR: DEBORAH REHEARD, ESQ., Past President (2011), Oklahoma Bar Association, Member, Judicial Nominating Commission  
DAVID HILL, Kimray Cooperation, Former Member, Oklahoma Judicial Nominating Commission  
BARRY SWITZER, Former Member, Oklahoma Judicial Nominating Commission  
JENNY DUNNING, Oklahoma Judicial Nominating Commission  
HEATHER BURRAGE, ESQ., Chairperson, Oklahoma Judicial Nominating Commission  
WILLIAM P. BOWDEN, Major General (ret.), United States Air Force

**3:30 – 4:30**      **BOOK SIGNING CHADWICK CORNTASSEL SMITH**  
***LEADERSHIP LESSONS FROM THE CHEROKEE NATION: LESSONS FROM ALL I OBSERVE***

**4:45 – 5:30**      **CONVERSATION**

**SANDRA DAY O’CONNOR, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, Retired**  
ROBERT HENRY, President, Oklahoma City University

**2:45 – 5:30**      **PANEL D: TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION**

Grand Ballroom C  
MODERATOR: NOMA GURICH, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court  
ROBERT E. HAYES, JR., Bishop of the United Methodist Conference of Oklahoma  
DR. DAVID WILSON, (*Choctaw*) United Methodist Conference Superintendent, Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference  
GORDON YELLOWMAN, (*Cheyenne*), Chief, Council of the 44, Director, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Language Program  
C. BLUE CLARK, (*Muscogee Creek*), Professor of History, Native American Legal Research Center, Oklahoma City University  
HARVEY PRATT, (*Cheyenne*), Chief, Council of the 44, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation

**6:30**      **RECEPTION – UNVEILING OF THE PAINTING HONORING ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SANDRA DAY O’CONNOR BY THOMPSON WILLIAMS**  
**Oklahoma Judicial Center – 2100 North Lincoln Boulevard**

**Thursday Morning**

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**8:30 – 12:00**      **PANEL A: GAMING**  
CO-MODERATORS: MATTHEW MORGAN, (*Chickasaw*), Gaming Commissioner, Chickasaw Nation  
NANCY GREEN, ESQ., (*Choctaw*), Green Law Firm

**8:30 – 9:15**      **REMARKS**

Grand Ballroom D-E

TRACIE STEVENS, (*Tulalip*), Chair, National Indian Gaming Commission  
RICHARD FRIAS, (*Chiricahua Apache*), Legislative Director, National Indian Gaming Association

**9:15 – 10:30**      **COMPACT NEGOTIATIONS AND OKLAHOMA ISSUES UPDATE**

STEVEN MULLINS, ESQ., General Counsel, Office of Governor Mary Fallin  
JEFFREY CARTMELL, ESQ., Deputy General Counsel, Office of Governor Mary Fallin  
BRIAN FOSTER, (*Choctaw*), Chairman, Oklahoma Indian Gaming Commission

**10:45 – 12:00**      **TRIBAL/STATE OF OKLAHOMA RELATIONSHIP – FEES AND TAXES, PROCEDURES, IMPACT OF GAMING DEVELOPMENT**

WILLIAM NORMAN, ESQ., (*Muscogee Creek*), Hobbs Straus, Dean and Walker  
GARY PITCHLYNN, ESQ., (*Choctaw*), Pitchlynn Law Firm  
DEAN LUTHEY, ESQ., Gable Gotwals, General Counsel Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association

**10:30 – 11:30**      **BOOK SIGNING ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SANDRA DAY O’CONNOR**  
**OUT OF ORDER: STORIES FROM THE HISTORY OF THE SUPREME COURT**

**8:30 – 12:30**      **PANEL B: CRIMINAL LAW/CROSS DEPUTIZATION**

Grand Ballroom A-B

MODERATOR: SANFORD C. COATS, ESQ., United States Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma  
ARVO MIKKANEN, ESQ., (*Kiowa/Comanche*), Assistant U.S. Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma  
KURT G. GLASSCO, District Judge, District Court of Tulsa County  
DAVID LEWIS, Chief Judge, Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals  
JACQUE SECONDINE HENSLEY, (*Kaw*), Native American Liaison, Office of Governor Mary Fallin

**8:30 – 12:00**      **PANEL C: TRIBAL LANGUAGE PRESERVATION IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY**

Crystal Room

MODERATOR: CHARLES TATE, (*Chickasaw*), Supreme Court Justice for the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma, former Special Judge, District Court of Carter County  
BLAKE WADE, Chief Executive Officer, The American Indian Cultural Center and Museum, President, Oklahoma Business Roundtable  
JEROD IMPICHCHAACHAAHA’ TATE, (*Chickasaw*), Composer and Composer-in-Residence for the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy  
CHIEF GORDON YELLOWMAN, (*Cheyenne*), Director, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Language Program, Council of the 44  
GREG BIGLER, (*Yuchi*), District Judge, Muscogee-Creek Nation  
HOLLY DAVIS, (*Cherokee*), Cherokee Immersion Charter School  
VON ROYAL, Executive Director, One-Net

**8:30 – 12:00**      **PANEL D: THE STATUS OF TRUST ISSUES IN THE WAKE OF JUDICIAL DECISIONS**

Centennial Ballroom

CO-MODERATORS: JOHN REIF, Vice-Chief Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court  
LEAH HARJO WARE, ESQ., (*Muscogee Creek*)  
STACY LEEDS, (*Cherokee*), Dean, University of Arkansas School of Law, Commissioner, United States Trust Commission  
MICHAEL SMITH, Deputy Bureau Director, Field Operations, United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs  
JIM JAMES, Deputy Director of Field Operations, United States Department of the Interior, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians  
DAVID SMITH, ESQ., Kilpatrick, Townsend and Stockton  
MELODY MCCOY, ESQ., (*Cherokee*), Native American Rights Fund  
WILLIAM RICE, (*United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee*), Associate Professor of Law, University of Tulsa College of Law  
COLLINE KEELY, (*Comanche*), Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc.

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NANCY GREEN, ESQ., (*Choctaw*), Green Law Firm

1:30 – 3:30

**SOVEREIGNTY ISSUES AND INTERNET GAMING**

**JURISDICTION, OFF RESERVATION, ECONOMIC ANALYSIS, SOCIAL GAMING, STRATEGIES**

RICHARD FRIAS, (*Chiricahua Apache*), Legislative Director, National Indian Gaming Association

JAMIE HUMMINGBIRD, (*Cherokee*), Cherokee Nation Gaming Commission, Director and Chairman of the National Tribal Gaming Commission Regulators

D. MICHAEL MCBRIDE, III, ESQ., Crowe & Dunlevy

DEAN LUTHEY, ESQ., Gable Gotwals, General Counsel Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association

RICHARD J. GRELLNER, ESQ.

3:45 – 5:00

**LAND INTO TRUST AND OTHER REGULATORY ISSUES**

**CARCIERI, ROLES OF NIGC AND BIA, COMPETING INTERESTS, TAXATION ISSUES, NIGC UPDATE**

TRACIE STEVENS, (*Tulalip*), Chair, National Indian Gaming Commission

SHEILA MORAGO, (*Gila River*), Executive Director, Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association

ELIZABETH HOMER, ESQ. (*Osage*), Homer Law

GARY PITCHLYNN, ESQ. (*Choctaw*), Pitchlynn Law Firm

WILLIAM NORMAN, ESQ., (*Muscogee Creek*), Hobbs Straus, Dean and Walker

1:30 – 5:00

**PANEL B: THE ICWA AND OTHER CHILDREN'S ISSUES**

MODERATOR: JOHN FISCHER, Judge, Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals

STEVEN HAGER, ESQ., Oklahoma Indian Legal Services

SUE TATE, Court Improvement Project Coordinator, Oklahoma Administrative Office of The Courts

SUSAN WORK, ESQ., Assistant Attorney General, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma

ANASTASIA PITTMAN, (*Seminole*), Representative, Oklahoma House of Representatives

CASEY ROSS-PETHERICK, (*Cherokee*), Visiting Clinical Professor, American Indian Wills Clinic, Oklahoma City University

RITA HART, (*Choctaw/Jicarilla Apache*), OKDHS Tribal Program Manager

1:30 – 5:00

**PANEL C: THE TRIBAL LAW AND ORDER ACT-THE HOPI PERSPECTIVE**

MODERATOR: DAVID LEWIS, Chief Judge, Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals

LEROY SHINGOITWA, (*Hopi*), Chairman, Hopi Tribe, Kykotsmovi, Arizona

JILL ENGEL, ESQ., Chief Prosecutor, Hopi Tribe, Kykotsmovi, Arizona

ROBERT J. LYTTLE, ESQ., General Counsel, Hopi Tribe, Kykotsmovi, Arizona

MARILYN TEWA, (*Hopi*), Mishongnovi Village Representative, Kykotsmovi, Arizona

MERVYN YOYETWA, (*Hopi*), Mishongnovi Village Representative, Kykotsmovi, Arizona

JOHN TUCHI, ESQ., Chief Assistant United States Attorney, Phoenix, Arizona

JEFF DAVIS, Executive Director, Indian Law and Order, Assistant United States Attorney, State of Michigan

1:30 – 5:00

**PANEL D: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR SECRETARIAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN TRUST ADMINISTRATION AND REFORM**

The five-member Secretarial Commission will share its drafts recommendations regarding trust management and administration, and invite feedback from attendees.

MODERATOR: STACY LEEDS, (*Cherokee*), Dean, University of Arkansas School of Law, Commissioner, United States Trust Commission

DR. PETERSON ZAH, (*Diné/Navajo*), Last Chairman of the Navajo Tribal Council, First Elected President of the Navajo Nation

TEX G. HALL, (*Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation*), Chairman, Three Affiliated Tribes, Past President of the National Congress of American Indians, Chairman of the Inter Tribal Economic Alliance, Chairman of the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Association

ROBERT ANDERSON, (*Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Bois Forte Band*), Professor of Law and Director of the Native American Law Center at the University of Washington, Oneida Nation Visiting Professor of Law, Harvard Law School

LIZZIE MARSTERS, Chief of Staff, Deputy Secretary of the Interior

JEFFERSON KEEL, (*Chickasaw*), Lt. Governor, Chickasaw Nation, President, National Congress of the American Indians

JODI GILLETTE, (*Standing Rock Sioux*), White House Senior Policy Advisor on Native American Affairs

A MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR SECRETARIAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN TRUST ADMINISTRATION AND REFORM WILL BE HELD AT THE COURTYARD MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN, 2 WEST RENO AVENUE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA ON JUNE 7, 2013 AT 8:30 A.M.

**Commission Meetings are open to the public and information about meetings is posted to:**  
**<http://www.doi.gov/cobell/commission/index.cfm>**



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## THE SOVEREIGNTY SYMPOSIUM XXVI

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

### Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Tribal Affiliation (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

If Bar Association Member: Bar # \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

17 hours of CLE credit for lawyers will be awarded, including 3 hours of ethics.

# of Persons	Registration Fee	Amount Enclosed
	\$250.00 (\$275.00 if postmarked after May 15, 2013)	
	\$150.00 June 6, 2013 only	
	Total Amount	

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