The Sovereignty Symposium was established to provide a forum in which ideas concerning common legal issues could be exchanged in a scholarly, non-adversarial environment. The Supreme Court espouses no view on any of the issues, and the positions taken by the participants are not endorsed by the Supreme Court.
Wednesday Morning
4.0 CLE/CJE credits / 0 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 - 1:15 Lunch on your own

8:30 - 12:00 PANEL A: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (THIS PANEL CONTINUES FROM 3:00 - 5:30)
MODERATOR: JAMES C. COLLARD, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Citizen Potawatomi Nation

OVERVIEW AND IMPACT OF TRIBAL BUSINESS

CHRIS BENGE, (Cherokee), Chief of Staff to Governor Mary Fallin, Oklahoma Secretary of Native American Affairs
BILL G. LANCE, JR., Secretary of Commerce, Chickasaw Nation
Intertribal Trade and Investment Organization
DAVID NIMMO, Chief Executive Officer/President, Chickasaw Nation Industries
TAMMYE GWIN, (Choctaw), Executive Director of Business & Economic Development, Choctaw Nation Division of Commerce
KYLE DEAN, Assistant Professor of Economics, Director of Center for Native American & Urban Studies, Oklahoma City University
NATALIE SHIRLEY, President and CEO, National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum

INTERNATIONAL INTER-TRIBAL TRADE

CO-MODERATOR: WAYNE GARNONS-WILLIAMS, Senior Lawyer & Principal Director, Garwill Law, Canada, Chair, International Inter-Tribal Trade and Investment Organization
JONNA KAUGER KIRSCHNER, Senior Vice President of Economic Development, Chickasaw Nation Industries
AMY GOUDAR, Foreign Policy and Diplomacy Service Officer, Global Affairs Canada, Dallas

8:30 - 12:00 PANEL B: VISUAL AND VERBAL IMAGERY: SIGNS, SYMBOLS AND SOUNDS (THIS PANEL CONTINUES FROM 3:00 - 5:30)

MODERATORS: WINSTON SCAMBLER, Student of Native American Art
ERIC TIPPECONEC, (Comanche), Historian, Artist, and Professor, California State University, Fullerton

HARVEY PRATT, (Cheyenne/Arapaho) Artist, Finalist for the design of the Smithsonian’s National Native American Veterans’ Memorial
KELLY HANEY, (Seminole), Artist, Former Oklahoma State Senator, former Chief of the Seminole Nation, finalist for the design of the Smithsonian’s National Native American Veterans’ Memorial
DANIEL SASUWEH JONES, (Ponca), Artist, Finalist for the design of the Smithsonian’s National Native American Veterans’ Memorial
PATRICK RILEY, Artist, Art Educator and Mask Maker
VANESSA JENNINGS, (Kiowa), Artist, Beadwork
NATHAN HART, (Cheyenne), Economic Development Director, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Artist
KENNETH JOHNSON, (Muscogee/Seminole), Contemporary Jewelry Designer and Metalsmith
JAMES PEPPER HENRY, (Kaw/Muscogee (Creek)), Director, American Indian Cultural Center and Museum, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

8:30 - 12:00 PANEL C: LAND, WIND AND WATER (THIS PANEL CONTINUES FROM 3:00 - 5:30)

MODERATOR: PATRICK WYRICK, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

STEPHEN H. GREETHAM, Chief General Counsel, Department of Commerce and Special Counsel on Water, Chickasaw Nation
MICHAEL BURRAGE, Whitten Burrage Law Firm
SARA HILL, Secretary of Natural Resources for the Cherokee Nation, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Cherokee Nation
SARA GIBSON, Interim General Counsel, Oklahoma Water Resources Board

8:30 - 12:00 PANEL D: IMPLICATIONS OF ASSIMILATION

MODERATOR: NOMA GURICH, Vice Chief Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

LINDSAY ROBERTSON, Faculty Director, Center for the Study of American Indian Law and Policy, Chickasaw Nation
Endowed Chair in Native American Law, Professor, University of Oklahoma College of Law
JAY HANNAH, (Cherokee), Executive Vice-President of Financial Services, Bancfirst
JOAN HOWLAND, Roger F. Noreen Professor of Law, Associate Dean for Information and Technology, University of Minnesota
GORDON YELLOWMAN, (Cheyenne), Peace Chief, Assistant Executive Director of Education, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
KIRKE KICKINGBIRD, (Kiowa), Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker
ROBERT HAYES, Methodist Bishop of Oklahoma, Retired
1:15 - 2:45  
CAMP CALL: GORDON YELLOWMAN, (Cheyenne), Peace Chief, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

OPENING CEREMONY

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: STEVEN W. TAYLOR, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court (Retired)

PRESENTATION OF FLAGS

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SINGERS: SOUTHERN NATION

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WELCOME: DOUGLAS COMBS, (Muscogee (Creek)), Chief Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

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WELCOME: DAVID HOLT, (Osage), Mayor of Oklahoma City

WELCOME: KIMBERLY HAYS, President, Oklahoma Bar Association

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER: STEVEN TAYLOR, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court (Retired)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: LT. GENERAL LEE K. LEVY II, Commander, Air Force Sustainment Center, Air Force Material Command, Tinker Air Force Base

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

HONOR AND MEMORIAL SONGS: SOUTHERN NATION

CLOSING PRAYER: KRIS LADUSAU, Reverend, Dharma Center of Oklahoma

3:00 - 5:30  
PANEL A: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (A CONTINUATION OF THE MORNING PANEL)

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

RICO BUCHLI, Honorary Consul of Switzerland in Oklahoma

DEBBIE BLanke, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

MARY BLANKENSHIP POINTER, President, Sister Cities OKC, Inc.

DR. ROBERT DAUFFEBACH, Senior Associate Dean for Economic Development and Impact, University of Oklahoma

AMBER SHARPLES, Executive Director, Oklahoma Arts Council

ROBERT MILLER, Professor, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, Arizona State University

DEREK OSBORN, Tulsa Field Office Director, U.S. Senator James Lankford

3:00 - 6:00  
PANEL B: VISUAL AND VERBAL IMAGERY: SIGNS, SYMBOLS AND SOUNDS

(A CONTINUATION OF THE MORNING PANEL)

CO-MODERATORS: WINSTON SCAMBLER, Student of Native American Art

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JEROD IMPICHCHAACHAAHA’ TATE, (Chickasaw), Artist, Composer and Musician

BRENT GREENWOOD, (Ponca/Chickasaw) Artist and Musician

TIMOTHY TATE NEVAQUAYA, (Comanche), Artist and Musician

MARK PARKER, Dean, Schools of Music & Theatre, Oklahoma City University

GREGORY ANDERSON, (Muscogee (Creek)) Secretary of Education Muscogee (Creek) Nation

HOWARD PADEN, Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program

JASON MURRAY, (Chickasaw), Independent Scholar & Professor, Formerly of the University of South Dakota

JOSHUA HINSON, (Chickasaw), Chickasaw Language Revitalization Program

3:00 - 5:30  
PANEL C: LAND, WIND AND WATER (A CONTINUATION OF THE MORNING PANEL)

MODERATOR: PATRICK WYRICK, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

CASEY ROSS, University General Counsel, Clinical Professor, Native American Legal Resource Center, Oklahoma City University

LAUREN KING, (Muscogee (Creek)), Attorney -- Foster Pepper PLLC, Appellate Judge -- Northwest Intertribal Court System

DREW KERSHEN, Earl Sneed Centennial Professor of Law Emeritus, University of Oklahoma, College of Law

KEN BELLMARD, (Kaw), Attorney

5:30  
BOOK SIGNING BY ROBERT MILLER, Professor, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, Arizona State University

Crystal Room: Reservation “Capitalism”: Economic Development in Indian County
8:30 - 12:00  PANEL A: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT -- SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE  
MODERATOR: JAMES C. COLLARD, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Citizen Potawatomi Nation

- MIKE PATTERSON, Oklahoma Department of Transportation,  
- TIM GATZ, Executive Director, Oklahoma Turnpike Authority  
- DAN SULLIVAN, President, Grand River Dam Authority  
- JANIE SIMMS HIPP, Director, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative, Robert A. Leflar Law Center, University of Arkansas  
- NATHAN HART, (Cheyenne), Economic Development Director, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Artist  
- JOY HOFMEISTER, Oklahoma Superintendent of Public Instruction  
- CHAD DONOLEY, Vice-President, AOK Railroad  
- KELLI MOSTELLER, Director, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center

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8:30 - 11:00  PANEL B: JUVENILE LAW AND CHILDREN’S ISSUES (THIS PANEL CONTINUES FROM 1:30 - 5:00)  
MODERATOR: DEBORAH BARNES, Judge, Court of Civil Appeals, Tulsa

- C. STEVEN HAGER, Director of Litigation, Oklahoma Indian Legal Services  
- ANGEL R. SMITH, Attorney  
- ELIZABETH BROWN, (Cherokee), Associate District Judge, Adair County, Oklahoma  
- STEPHANIE HUDSON, (Kiowa), Attorney, and Executive Director, Oklahoma Indian Legal Services  
- JACINTHA WEBSTER, Attorney, Oklahoma Indian Legal Services  
- DEBORAH SHROPSHIRE, Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Deputy Director, Child Welfare Services  
- CARMIN TECUMSEH-WILLIAMS, (Muscogee (Creek)), Tribal Affairs Liaison for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services  
- NORMAN L. RUSSELL, Associate District Judge, Kiowa County

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8:30 - 11:00  PANEL C: ETHICS ADDRESS  
JOHN REIF, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

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8:30 - 11:00  PANEL D: CRIMINAL LAW  
MODERATOR: DANA KUEHN, Judge, Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals

- CO-MODERATOR: ARVO MIKKANEN, (Kiowa/Comanche), Assistant United States Attorney and Tribal Liaison, Western District of Oklahoma  
- JESSICA JARVIS, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma  
- JEFF BYERS, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma  
- SHON T. ERWIN, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Western District of Oklahoma  
- ED SNOW, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Oklahoma  
- JOHN CANNON, Attorney, Cannon Law Firm, P.L.L.C.  
- CHRIS CHANEY, (Seneca-Cayuga), Unit Chief, FBI Office of the General Counsel  
- ROBERT TROESTER, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma  
- MITHUN MANSINGHANI, Oklahoma Solicitor General
Thursday Afternoon
4.5 CLE/CJE credits / 0 Ethics included
3:30 - 3:45 Afternoon Coffee / Tea Break

12:00 - 1:30  LUNCH FOR THE STATE, FEDERAL, TRIBAL JUDICIARY AND THE SOVEREIGNTY SYMPOSIUM FACULTY

1:30 - 5:30  PANEL A: THE CONCERNS OF THE JUDICIARY - A FOCUS ON MUTUAL CONCERNS OF THE STATE, FEDERAL, AND TRIBAL BENCH

MODERATOR: DOUGLAS COMBS, (Muscogee(Creek)), Chief Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court
TRICIA TINGLE, (Choctaw), Associate Director - Tribal Justice, Office of Justice Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs
JARI ASKINS, Administrative Director of the Courts, Former Lt. Governor of Oklahoma, Former District Court Judge
WILLIAM P. BOWDEN, Major General (Retired), United States Air Force
TOM WALKER, Judge, Court of Indian Offenses, Anadarko
KEITH RAPP, Judge, Court of Civil Appeals, Tulsa

1:30 - 5:30  PANEL B: JUVENILE LAW (A CONTINUATION OF THE MORNING PANEL)

MODERATOR: DEBORAH BARNES, Judge, Court of Civil Appeals, Tulsa
PHIL LUJAN, (Kiowa/Taos Pueblo), Holistic Health for Tribal Youth, Seminole Nation
JENNIFER KIRBY, Director, Youth Services & Special Projects and Interim Director, Family Assistance, Cherokee Nation Human Services
BRANDON ARMSTRONG, Senior Probation Officer, Cherokee Nation
KEVIN HAMIL, Director of Reintegration, Choctaw Nation
ALISHA EDELEN, Assistant Director of Juvenile Services, Choctaw Nation
AMBER LOFTIS, Juvenile Services Coordinator, Choctaw Nation
DOLORES SUBIA BIGFOOT, Director, Tribal Youth and Training and Technical Assistance Center
JANE SILOVSKY, Treatment for Children with Sexual Behavior Problems, University of Oklahoma Child Study Center
TODD CRAWFORD, Executive Officer, Aalhakoffichi’ Adolescent Transitional Living Facility, Chickasaw Nation
JAKE ROBERTS, Project Eagle Director, Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma
JANELL BRETTEN, Senior Project Researcher and Planner, Office of Juvenile Affairs
BRIAN HENDRIX, Deputy Assistant of Native American Affairs, Oklahoma Secretary of State
KIMIE WIND-HUMMINGBIRD, Director, Children & Family Services Administration
SHELLY HARRISON, Tribal Prosecutor, Muscogee (Creek) Nation
DEBRA GEE, Executive Officer and General Counsel, Chickasaw Nation (Juvenile Justice Subcommittee of the Inter-tribal)

1:30 - 6:00  PANEL C: GAMING: RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDIAN GAMING REGULATORY ACT

CO-MODERATORS:
MATTHEW MORGAN, (Chickasaw), Director of Gaming Affairs, Division of Commerce, Chickasaw Nation
NANCY GREEN, (Choctaw), Green Law Firm, Ada, Oklahoma
ERNIE STEVENS, Jr, (Oneida), Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association
JONODEV CHAUDHURI, (Muscogee (Creek)), Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission
KATHRYN ISOM-CLAUSE, (Taos Pueblo), Vice Chair, National Indian Gaming Commission
WILEY HARWELL, Executive Director, Oklahoma Association for Problem and Compulsive Gambling
G. DEAN LUTHEY, Jr., Gable Gotwals
MICHAEL MCBRIDE, III, Crowe and Dunlevy
ELIZABETH HOMER, (Osage), Homer Law Chartered
WILLIAM NORMAN, (Muscogee (Creek)) Hobbs, Strauss, Dean & Walker