



# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual TRIBAL COURTS CONFERENCE: **Strengthening Tribal Courts** **August 5-7, 2009 – Minneapolis, MN**



## Wednesday, August 5

Wednesday, August 5 – August 7:	Advanced Tribal Court Clerk/Administrator Training <b>SEPARATE AGENDA</b>	<i>Atrium 1</i>
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## Thursday, August 6

8:00 am – 8:30 am	On Site Registration and Continental Breakfast	<i>Atrium Foyer East</i>
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8:30 am – 9:00 am	Welcome by Host Tribe (Prairie Island – TBI) B.J. Jones, Executive Director, Tribal Judicial Institute	<i>Atrium 6</i>
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9:00 am – 10:15 am	Opening Plenary Session – Recent Developments in Indian Child Welfare and Child Deprivation	<i>Atrium 6</i>
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This session will highlight the most recent issues and cases emerging in relation to the Indian Child Welfare Act and in child deprivation cases. The session will also introduce the notion of using tribal traditions and customs in child welfare cases.

**Presenter:**  
B.J. Jones, Executive Director, Tribal Judicial Institute

10:15 am – 10:30 am	<b>BREAK</b>	<i>Atrium Foyer East</i>
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## Workshops – Day 1 – 10:30 – 12:00 pm

JUDICIAL TRACK	<p><b>Workshop One – Child Support Enforcement</b>            This session will provide information for participants relating to the planning and development of a child support enforcement program, recent developments in child support enforcement and recognition of tribal child support enforcement orders.</p>	<p><b>Presenter:</b>            Kate Christnot, Attorney, KTY Consulting Services</p>	<i>Atrium 6</i>
	<p><b>Workshop Two – Recent Developments in Domestic Violence Laws</b>            This session will highlight current domestic violence laws and the various provisions of those laws that are relevant to Tribal Courts, including firearm disqualification provisions and full faith and credit.</p>	<p><b>Presenter:</b>            Kelly Gaines- Stoner, Director, Native American Legal Resource Center</p>	<i>Atrium 2</i>

COURT PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION TRACK	<p><b>Workshop Three – Court Budgets, Grants Management and Funding Opportunities</b>  This session will focus on basics of the financial administration of a tribal court. The session will address court budgeting, locating funding for sustainability and other related topics.</p>	<p><b>Presenter:</b>  Temet Aguilar, Tribal Court Administrator, Intertribal Court of Southern California</p>	<i>Atrium 3</i>
	<p><b>Workshop Four –Strategic Planning for Court Development</b>  This session will highlight the process for short and long term court planning, development and implementation. Participants will learn the core components of the strategic planning process and will learn how to use that knowledge to enhance the services of their court.</p>	<p><b>Presenter:</b>  Michelle Rivard Parks, Associate Director, Tribal Judicial Institute</p>	<i>Atrium 7</i>
12:00 – 1:30 pm <b>LUNCH ON YOUR OWN</b>			
1:30 – 3:00 pm	<p><b>Plenary Session – Recent Developments in Tribal Civil Jurisdiction</b>  This session will highlight recent cases and laws that have an impact on tribal civil jurisdiction.</p> <p><b>Presenter:</b>  Andrew Small, Attorney, Bluedog, Paulson and Small  B.J. Jones, Executive Director, Tribal Judicial Institute</p>		<i>Atrium 6</i>
3:00 – 3:15 pm	<b>BREAK</b>		<i>Atrium Foyer East</i>
3:15 – 4:30 pm	<p><b>Closing Plenary Session – Recent Developments in Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction and Juvenile Delinquency</b>  This session will highlight recent cases, developments and promising practices as they relate to both criminal court cases and juvenile delinquency cases. This session will specifically focus on the current extent of jurisdiction, some of the issues facing tribal criminal and juvenile justice systems and the means that some tribal courts have employed to address these issues.</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b>  Larry Leventhal, Attorney, Leventhal and Associates  Geraldine Benally, Trial Judge, Navajo Nation Judicial Branch, Chinle Judicial District</p>		<i>Atrium 6</i>

## Friday, August 7

8:00 am – 8:30 am	<b>On Site Registration and Continental Breakfast</b>	<i>Atrium Foyer East</i>		
8:30 am – 9:00 am	<b>Opening and Overview of the Day's Agenda</b> <b>Michelle Rivard Parks, Associate Director, Tribal Judicial Institute</b>	<i>Atrium 6</i>		
9:00 am – 10:15 am	<b>Opening Plenary Session – Minnesota Tribal Courts</b> This session will highlight the history of tribal court development in Minnesota. As a PL-280 jurisdiction Minnesota courts have faced unique issues during the court development process. This session will explore some of those challenges as well as the strategies that the Tribes have employed to overcome these challenges. <b>Presenter:</b> Joe Plumer, Attorney, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwa	<i>Atrium 6</i>		
10:15 am – 10:30 am	<b>BREAK</b>	<i>Atrium Foyer East</i>		
10:30 – 12:00 pm	<b>Plenary Session – Achieving Full Faith and Credit through the Law and through Comity</b> This session will explore and highlight various legal requirements of full faith and credit and will explore the principle of legal recognition through comity. Session highlights will include enforcement and recognition of court orders in cases involving domestic violence, sexual violence and child & family cases. <b>Panelist(s):</b> Michelle Rivard Parks, Associate Director, Tribal Judicial Institute Kelly Gaines- Stoner, Director, Native American Legal Resource Center	<i>Atrium 6</i>		
12:00 – 1:30 pm	<b>Luncheon</b> <b>Tribal/State Court Interaction</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Richard Blake, Chief Judge, Hoopa Valley Tribal Court	<i>Plaza 5 and 6</i>		
<b>Workshops – Day 2 – 1:30 – 3:00 pm</b>				
JUDICIAL TRACK	<b>Workshop One – The Importance of Court Orders in Child Welfare Cases</b> This session will provide valuable information on the language and content of court orders in Child Welfare cases. Participants will explore the content of these court orders to maximize enforcement and recognition of court orders in child welfare cases.	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;"><b>Presenter:</b> Jessica Ryan, Attorney, Bluedog, Paulson and Small</td> <td style="width: 40%; text-align: right;"><i>Atrium 6</i></td> </tr> </table>	<b>Presenter:</b> Jessica Ryan, Attorney, Bluedog, Paulson and Small	<i>Atrium 6</i>
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	<p><b>Workshop Two – Ethical Considerations for Tribal Courts</b>  This session will explore the various ethical considerations that face tribal judges as they adjudicate cases. Specific emphasis will be had on the development of tribal codes and laws that reflect these ethical standards.</p>	<p><b>Presenter:</b>  Dave Raasch, Tribal Justice Programs Manager, Fox Valley Technical College</p>	<i>Atrium 2</i>
COURT PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION TRACK	<p><b>Workshop Three –Problem-Solving Courts</b>  This session will provide a case specific example(s) of a problem-solving court. Participants will learn how the problem-solving court was developed and the various issues that the court addresses within the community. This model highlighted in this session has been replicated in many jurisdictions throughout the international community.</p>	<p><b>Presenter:</b>  Aaron Arnold, Director, Center for Court Innovation</p>	<i>Atrium 3</i>
	<p><b>Workshop Four – Basic Court Administration and Personnel Management</b>  This session will provide information relevant to basic court administration and will provide special emphasis on personnel issues and personnel management.</p>	<p><b>Presenter:</b>  Ramona Tsosie, Consultant, Tribal Judicial Institute</p>	<i>Atrium 7</i>
3:00 – 3:15 pm	<b>BREAK</b>		<i>Atrium Foyer East</i>
3:15 – 4:30 pm	<p><b>Closing Plenary Session – Learning from Traditional Dispute Resolution Methodology</b>  This session will highlight the role and importance of traditional dispute resolution methodology in modern tribal justice systems.</p>		<i>Atrium 6</i>
	<p><b>Presenter:</b>  Barbara Norman, Attorney/Peacemaker, Karuk Tribe of California</p>		
4:30 – 4:45 pm	<p><b>Closing Comments</b>  B. J. Jones, Executive Director, Tribal Judicial Institute</p>		
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