



**PROTECTING SOVEREIGNTY:  
The Role of Tribal Courts Training  
October 22-23, 2009 – Albuquerque, NM  
AGENDA**



## Thursday, October 22, 2009

8:00 am – 8:30 am	<b>On Site Registration and Continental Breakfast</b>
8:30 am – 9:00 am	<b>Opening Invocation and Overview of Agenda- Welcome from Tribal Judicial Institute, National Judicial College and National American Indian Court Judges Association</b>
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<b>What Tribal Courts Do to Preserve the Sovereignty of Indian Tribes</b> <i>Stacy Leeds, Professor of Law, University of Kansas School of Law (to be invited)</i>
10:00 am – 10:15 am	<b>Break</b>
10:15 am – 11:45 am	<b>Panel Presentation - Tribal Government Support for Tribal Courts</b> <i>Marvin Youpee, Former Councilman and Tribal Judge, Fort Peck Tribe</i> <i>Rodney Gervais, Councilman, Blackfeet Tribe</i>
11:45 am – 1:00 pm	<b>Luncheon - History of Tribal Court Development and NAICJA</b> <i>Honorable Eugene Whitefish, NAICJA President and Chief Judge, Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Courts</i>
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>Judicial Independence and Separation of Powers- What It is and How It Can Be Supported</b> <i>B.J. Jones, Director, Tribal Judicial Institute</i>
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	<b>Break</b>
2:45 pm – 4:15 pm	<b>Indian Civil Rights Act and Authority of Tribal Courts</b> <i>Anita Fineday, Chief Judge, White Earth Tribal Court</i> <i>Vincent Knight, Executive Director, National Tribal Justice Resource Center</i>

## Friday, October 23, 2009

8:30 am – 10:00 am	<b>Discussion on Promoting Healthy relationships Between Courts and Governments</b> <i>David Raasch, Tribal Justice Programs Coordinator, Fox Valley Technical College</i>
10:00 am – 10:15 am	<b>Break</b>
10:15 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Panel of Tribal Judges Discussing Sovereign Immunity and the Role of Tribal Courts in Resolving Complaints against Tribal Government</b> <i>Judge William Zuger, Chief Judge, Standing Rock Sioux</i> <i>Anita Fineday, Chief Judge, White Earth Tribal Court</i> <i>Marvin Youpee – Former Judge- Fort Peck Tribal Court</i>
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	<b>Luncheon</b> <i>Topic and Presenter TBD</i>
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>Waivers of Sovereign Immunity - Impact of Insurance Coverage/Arbitration</b> <i>Presenter TBD</i>
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	<b>Break</b>
2:45 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>Proper Role of Tribal Courts in Resolving Internal Tribal Disputes</b> <i>Carey Vicenti, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Fort Lewis College</i>

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