

Agenda

THE SOVEREIGNTY SYMPOSIUM 2012

Metamorphosis

June 12 – 13, 2012
Skirvin – Hilton Hotel
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Presented by

The Oklahoma Supreme Court
The Indian Law Section of the Oklahoma Bar Association
The University of Tulsa College of Law
The University of Oklahoma College of Law
Oklahoma City University School of Law
and
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3 hours of ethics.

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Tuesday, June 12, 2012

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Tuesday Morning:

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.
5:30	Reception – Venetian Room

8:30 –12:00 PANEL A: TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CRYSTAL ROOM

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

KAY BILLS, (*Osage*), President and Founder, Mid America Government Industry Coalition, Inc. (MAGIC), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

DEE ALEXANDER, Senior Advisor on Native American Affairs to the United States Secretary of Commerce, Washington, D.C.

SHANE JETT, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Community Development Corporation, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

DON CHAPMAN, (*Mohegan*), *Côqayohômuvôk*, Senior Vice President, JH Capital Group, Leesburg, Virginia.

HONORABLE JEFF HOUSER, Chairman, Ft. Sill Apache, Apache, Oklahoma.

ROBERT J. MILLER, (*Eastern Shawnee*), “ ‘The Culture’ versus ‘Economic Development’ Dichotomy in Indian Country,” Professor of Law, Lewis and Clark Law School, Portland, Oregon.

CHAD SMITH, ESQ., (*Cherokee*), Chad Smith Consulting, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

8:30 –5:30

PANEL B: VISIONING A FUTURE FOR NATIVE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

The panel will consider how Indian Country can capture a forward leaning vision for Indian food and agriculture.

GRAND BALLROOM A AND B

MODERATOR: JANIE HIPPI, ESQ., Senior Advisor for Tribal Affairs, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.

SETTING THE VISION

HONORABLE BILL JOHN BAKER, Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, (Invited). Chief Baker is the host for the upcoming White House Rural Council Roundtable on June 27, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

VINCENT ARMENTA, Chairman of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, Santa Ynez, California, (Invited).

ROLE OF PRIVATE INVESTMENT AND ROLE OF PRIVATE SECTOR-

VINCE LOGAN, ESQ., (*Osage*), The Nations Group, New York, New York.

WALMART, Native Voices Walmart

LANCE MORGAN (*Winnebago*) President, CEO, and Co-Founder of Ho-Chunk, Inc., Winnebago, Nebraska, (Invited).

GARY MATTESON, Vice-President of Young, Beginning and Small Farmers, Farm Credit Council, Washington, D.C.

ROLE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE-

KEVIN KLAIR, Extension Economist, Center for Farm Financial Management, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, (Invited).

ROSS RACINE, (*Blackfeet Nation*), Executive Director, Intertribal Agriculture Council, Billings, Montana.

KAREN ATKINSON, Director of the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development within Indian Affairs, BIA, Department of Interior, Washington, D.C., (Invited).

ROXANNA NEWSOME, CHICKASAW NATION,

REFORMS AND POLICY-

ERICK GILES, Program Director, National Indian Carbon Coalition, Indian Land Tenure Foundation, Little Canada, Minnesota.

KENT SCHESCKE, Director of Strategic Partnerships, National FFA, Alexandria, Virginia

LEE HESTER, Associate Professor of American Indian Studies, The University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, Chickasha, Oklahoma.

8:30 – 10:30

PANEL C: WARRIORS FOR FREEDOM: ISSUES FACING OUR MILITARY MEMBERS PAST AND PRESENT

CENTENNIAL THREE

CO-MODERATORS: GENERAL RITA ARAGON, Oklahoma Secretary of Veteran’s Affairs, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, “Every Veteran Counts.”

DEBORAH ANN REHEARD, ESQ., Eufaula, Oklahoma, “Legal Assistance for Veterans, Active Duty Military, Guard and Reserves.”

ROBERT DON GIFFORD II, ESQ., Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, “Veteran Treatment and Drug Diversion Courts.”

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

8:30 – 10:30

PANEL D: COMPUTERS, COURTS AND THE TRULY AUTOMATED COURT SYSTEM

CENTENNIAL ONE AND TWO

MODERATOR: HONORABLE JOHN F. FISCHER, Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

HONORABLE JANE WISEMAN, Judge, Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

MICHAEL RICHIE, ESQ., Clerk of the Supreme Court, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

DAVID DIXON, ESQ., Judicial Assistant, Supreme Court of Oklahoma, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

10:30 – 12:00 PANEL E: DRUG COURTS

CENTENNIAL ONE AND TWO

MODERATOR: HONORABLE DOUGLAS L. COMBS, Justice, Supreme Court of Oklahoma, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

HONORABLE PHILLIP LUJAN, Presiding Judge, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Court, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

HONORABLE TOM S. LANDRITH, District Judge, Pontotoc County, Ada, Oklahoma.

ANITA LONGEY, Pottawatomie County Drug Court Director, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

JERRY GARDNER, Executive Director, Tribal Law and Policy Institute, West Hollywood, California.

RAY TAINPEAH, LADC, Behavioral Health Coordinator, Citizen Potawatomi National Health Services, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

10:30 – 12:00 PANEL F: EMERGING RISK FACTORS FOR AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

CENTENNIAL THREE

MODERATOR: HONORABLE KELLY HANEY, Seminole, Oklahoma.

Tuesday Afternoon:

1:15 – 2:30 Opening Ceremony and Keynote Address-

GRAND BALLROOMS D-F

- **CAMP CALL: HONORABLE GORDON YELLOWMAN**, (*Cheyenne*), El Reno, Oklahoma.
- **MASTER OF CEREMONIES – HONORABLE RUDOLPH HARGRAVE**, Justice, Supreme Court of Oklahoma, Retired, Wewoka, Oklahoma.
- **PRESENTATION OF FLAGS.**
- **HONOR GUARDS:**
 - Vietnam Era Veterans Intertribal Association
 - Kiowa Black Leggings
- **DRUM: SOUTHERN NATION SINGERS.**
- **INVOCATION: HONORABLE GORDON YELLOWMAN**, (*Cheyenne*), El Reno, Oklahoma.
- **WELCOME: CHIEF JUSTICE STEVEN TAYLOR**, Chief Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court, McAlester, Oklahoma.
- **WELCOME: CATHY CHRISTENSEN**, President, Oklahoma Bar Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF THE HONORABLE TOM COLE: HONORABLE GLENN COFFEE**, Oklahoma Secretary of State, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- **KEYNOTE: HONORABLE TOM COLE**, (*Chickasaw*), United States House of Representatives, Oklahoma District Four, Moore, Oklahoma.
- **INTRODUCTION OF THE HONORABLE JAMES M. COLE, HONORABLE SANFORD C. COATS**, United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- **REMARKS: HONORABLE JAMES M. COLE**, Deputy Attorney General, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.
- **PRESENTATION OF THE SOVEREIGNTY SYMOSIUM AWARDS, JUSTICE YVONNE KAUGER**, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court, Colony, Oklahoma.
- **PRESENTATION OF THE RALPH B. HODGES – ROBERT E. LAVENDER AWARD, JUSTICE YVONNE KAUGER**, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court, Colony, Oklahoma.
- **HONOR SONG**
- **CLOSING PRAYER: REVEREND DAVID WILSON** (*Choctaw*).

2:30 – 2:45 Tea / Cookie Break for all Panels

2:45 – 5:30

**PANEL A: COOPERATIVE EFFORTS IN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

CRYSTAL ROOM

MODERATOR: FRED MORGAN, President/CEO, The State Chamber of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

**SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN THE
OKLAHOMA PRIVATE SECTOR AND NATIVE
AMERICAN TRIBES**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS:

DR. JAMES C. COLLARD, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

R. MARC NUTTLE, ESQ., Managing Partner of Sovereign Oklahoma Development, LLC. Norman, Oklahoma.

MIKE SOUTHARD, President/CEO, Ada Jobs Foundation/Ada Chamber of Commerce, Ada, Oklahoma, (Invited).

TOMMY KRAMER, Executive Director, Durant Industrial Authority, Durant, Oklahoma.

JUSTIN MCLAUGHLIN, Vice President, Economic Development, Tulsa Metro Chamber, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

TOURISM EFFORTS:

DR. JEFF HALE, President, NEO Miami and Chamber Chairman, Miami, Oklahoma.

IAN DRAKE, Executive Director, Miami Area Chamber of Commerce, Miami, Oklahoma.

T.L. WALKER, Director of the Standing Bear Museum, Ponca City, Oklahoma.

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

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

**FEDERAL INDIAN LANDS TAX CREDITS: AN
UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS TOOL**

DONALD L. JACKSON, CPA, Chambers, Jackson and Fox,
P.C., Ardmore, Oklahoma.

8:30 –5:30

**PANEL B: VISIONING A FUTURE FOR NATIVE
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

A continuation of the morning panel

GRAND BALLROOM A AND B

2:45 – 5:30

**PANEL C: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
PERSPECTIVE**

GRAND BALLROOM C

MODERATOR: HONORABLE DAVE LOPEZ, Oklahoma
Secretary of Commerce, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

JON CHIAPPE, Deputy Division Director, Policy, Research
and Economic Analysis, Oklahoma Department of
Commerce, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, “ Update of
Oklahoma Economy. “

KARLA GRAHAM, Director of Finance, Oklahoma
Department of Commerce, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
“Overview of Oklahoma Business Survey Results.”

TERRY WATSON, Director, Workforce Solutions Division,
Oklahoma Department of Commerce, Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma, “Summary and Demonstration of
OK.JobMatch.com.”

JONNA KAUGER KIRSCHNER, ESQ., Deputy Director and
General Counsel, Oklahoma Department of Commerce,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, “State of Oklahoma and Tribal
Incentives.”

**DISCUSSION PANEL ON POSSIBLE
COLLABORATION**

DR. JAMES C. COLLARD, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Citizen Pottawatomi Nation, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

ANNA KNIGHT, Executive Director of Commerce, Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

2:45 – 5:30

PANEL D: ETHICS

CENTENNIAL ONE AND TWO

MODERATOR: HONORABLE JEROME HOLMES, Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

HONORABLE JOHN F. REIF, Justice, Supreme Court of Oklahoma, Skiatook, Oklahoma.

GINA HENDRYX, ESQ., General Counsel, Oklahoma Bar Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

2:45 – 5:30

PANEL E: FROM SEMINOLE TO SINGAPORE

CENTENNIAL THREE

MODERATOR: HONORABLE ANASTASIA A. PITTMAN, Oklahoma House of Representatives, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

DR. C. BLUE CLARK, Instructor, Oklahoma City University School of Law, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

DR. ROBERT L. BLACKBURN, Executive Director, Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

BOB FUNSTON, ESQ., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

J. BLAKE WADE, Oklahoma Business Roundtable, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RENNARD STRICKLAND, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, University of Oregon School of Law, Norman, Oklahoma.

2:45 – 5:30

**PANEL F: UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION OF
THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES –
CURRENT EVENTS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW**

GRAND BALLROOM D-F.

MODERATOR: LINDSAY ROBERTSON, Professor of Law,
University of Oklahoma School of Law, Norman, Oklahoma.

G. WILLIAM RICE, (*United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee
Indians*), Associate Professor of Law, University of Tulsa
College of Law, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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Wednesday Morning:

7:30 – 4:30

Registration

8:00 – 8:30

Complimentary Continental Breakfast

10:30 – 10:45

Morning Coffee / Tea Break

8:30 – 12:00

PANEL A: INTERNET GAMING

GRAND BALLROOM F

MODERATOR: JAMIE HUMMINGBIRD, Gaming Commissioner, Cherokee Nation Gaming Commission, Chair, National Indian Gaming Regulatory Association, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

LEE SHANNON, ESQ., Hobbs, Strauss, Dean and Walker, Portland, Oregon.

JOE WEBSTER, ESQ., Hobbs, Strauss, Dean and Walker, Washington, D.C.

A. JEFF IFRAH, ESQ., Washington, D.C.

JASON GILES, Executive Director, National Indian Gaming Association, Washington, D.C.

WILLIAM NORMAN, ESQ., Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

D. MICHAEL MCBRIDE III, ESQ. Crowe and Dunlevy, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

SHEILA MORAGO, Executive Director, Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

8:30 – 12:30

PANEL B: INDIAN LAW AND ORDER ACT

GRAND BALLROOM A AND B

MODERATOR: HONORABLE CHARLES JOHNSON, Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

HONORABLE TROY A. EID, Chairman, Indian Law and Order Commission, Greenberg Traurig, Denver, Colorado.

HONORABLE TOM GEDE, Indian Law and Order Commission, Of Counsel, Bingham McCutchen LLP, San Francisco, California.

HONORABLE TED QUASULA, (*Hualapai*), Indian Law and Order Commission, General Manager Of The Grand Canyon Skywalk On The Hualapai Indian Reservation, Arizona.

HONORABLE CAROLE GOLDBERG, Jonathan D. Varat Professor of Law, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, California.

HONORABLE AFFIE ELLIS, ESQ., (*Navajo*), Ellis Public Affairs, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

HONORABLE JEFFERSON KEEL, (*Chickasaw*) Lieutenant Governor of the Chickasaw Nation and President of the National Congress of American Indians, Ada, Oklahoma.

HONORABLE STEPHANIE HERSETH-SANDLIN, Member, Board Of Directors Of South Dakota State University Innovation Campus, Brookings, South Dakota.

8:30 – 12:30

PANEL C: COMPLEX ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES FOR THE LEGAL PRACTITIONER

GRAND BALLROOM C

MODERATOR: VALERIE DEVOL, ESQ., Attorney, McCormick & Bryan, Edmond, Oklahoma.

DAVID MULLON, ESQ., Minority Staff Director and Chief Counsel, Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C.

KEN BELLMARD, ESQ., (*Kaw*), Oklahoma City Oklahoma.

VINCENT G. LOGAN, (*Osage*), The Nations Group Advisors, LLC, New York, New York.

DR. GAVIN CLARKSON, (*Choctaw*), Associate Professor of Law, University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas.

8:30 – 5:00

PANEL D: THE ICWA AND FAMILY GROUP DECISION MAKING

CRYSTAL ROOM

MODERATOR: HONORABLE NOMA GURICH, Justice, Supreme Court of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
CO-MODERATOR: SUE TATE, Director of Dispute Mediation, Administrative Office Of the Courts, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

VIRGINIA WHITEKILLER, Ed.D., (*Cherokee*), Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

HONORABLE SANDY CROSSLIN, (*Cherokee*), Special Judge, Cherokee County, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

RANDI WALTERS, Children's Bureau, Health and Human Services, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

DAVID SIMMONS, National Indian Child Welfare Association, Portland, Oregon.

HOWARD W. HENDRICK, Former Director of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

THOMAS CODY, Legal/Legislative Analyst, Navajo Division of Social Services, Window Rock, Arizona.

SHARON BEGAY MCCABE, Executive Director of Social Services, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona.

Wednesday Afternoon:

3:30 – 3:45 Tea / Cookie Break for all Panels

**1:30 – 5:00 PANEL A: CHILDREN'S ISSUES – A
CONTINUATION OF THE MORNING PANEL**

CRYSTAL ROOM

1:30 – 5:00 PANEL B: GAMING

GRAND BALLROOM F

MODERATOR: JESS GREEN, ESQ., (*Chickasaw*), Ada, Oklahoma.

MATTHEW MORGAN, (*Chickasaw*), Gaming Commissioner, Chickasaw Nation, Ada, Oklahoma.
“Working on the Tribal Advisory Committee for Class II Regulations Changes.”

G. DEAN LUTHEY, Attorney, Hall, Estill, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
“OIGA presentation of Tribal Advisory Committee for Class II Regulation Changes and New Law regarding Unions and Indian Governments.”

TRACIE STEVENS, (*Tulalip*), Chairwoman, National Indian Gaming Commission, Washington, D.C.
“Doing the Job.”

ERNIE STEVENS, (*Oneida*), Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association, Washington, D.C.
“Doing the Job.”

GARY PITCHLYNN, (*Choctaw*), Attorney, Pitchlynn & Williams, Norman, Oklahoma.
“Where are the Compact Payments for Education?”

ELIZABETH HOMER, (*Osage*), Attorney, Homer Law, Washington, D.C.
“Land into Trust and Washington Report”

1:30 – 5:00

PANEL C: CRIMINAL LAW

GRAND BALLROOM A AND B

MODERATOR: HONORABLE SANFORD C. COATS, ESQ., United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

ARVO MIKKANEN, ESQ., (*Kiowa/Comanche*), Assistant U.S. Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

ASHLEY FRY, ESQ., (*Choctaw*), Program Specialist, Indian Arts and Crafts Board, Washington, D.C.

DEAN BURRIS, ESQ., Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Oklahoma, Muskogee, Oklahoma.
TRENT SHORES, ESQ., Assistant U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Oklahoma, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
SHANNON COZZONI, ESQ., Assistant U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Oklahoma, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
HARVEY PRATT, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

1:30 – 5:00

PANEL D: SOCIAL MEDIA & INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

GRAND BALLROOM C

MODERATOR: FAYE HADLEY, Native American Resources/Reference Law Librarian, University of Tulsa College of Law, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

JOAN HOWLAND, Roger F. Noreen Professor of Law; Associate Dean for Information and Technology, University of Minnesota School of Law, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

JODY GRAY, Diversity Outreach Librarian, Liaison to the Department of American Indian Studies, Coordinator of the Peer Research Consultants, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

TONIA WILLIAMS, Web Manager, Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

1:30 – 5:00

PANEL E: NEW STRATEGIES IN THE STATE AND COUNTY BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

CENTENNIAL ONE AND TWO

MODERATOR: TIM GATZ, Director of Capital Programs – Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

JAY ADAMS, Tribal Coordinator for Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

GARY EVANS, Chief Engineer, Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

1:30 – 5:00

PANEL F: THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT TAX STATUS ACT

GRAND BALLROOM D AND E

CO-MODERATORS: HONORABLE KEITH RAPP, Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
KIRKE KICKINGBIRD, ESQ., Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

ALEX SKIBINE, Professor, University of Utah College of Law, Salt Lake City, Utah “Leveling the Playing Field between Tribes and States Within Federalism: A Review of the Indian Government Tax Status Act and Related Legislation.”

D. JAY HANNAH, Executive Vice President, Financial Services, BancFirst, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, “Banking Issues in Indian County: Concerns of the Tribes and Lenders.”

LEE SHANNON, ESQ., Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP, Portland, Oregon, “An Assessment of December 2011 Developments: The Report and Recommendations to Congress Regarding the Tribal Economic Development Bond Provision under Section 7871 of the Internal Revenue Code.”

JAMES BURSON, ESQ., Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, “Indian Taxation in Oklahoma: Tribes, Indian Businesses, Compacts and Employment.”

