

INFRASTRUCTURE

THE SOVEREIGNTY SYMPOSIUM XXXI

JUNE 6 - 7, 2018

Skirvin Hotel
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



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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 TIPPECONNIC, (*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

Wednesday Afternoon

4.0 CLE/CJE credits / 0 Ethics included
7:30 - 4:30 Registration Honors Lounge
2:45 - 3:00 Afternoon Coffee / Tea Break

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

HONOR GUARD: KIOWA BLACK LEGGINGS SOCIETY

SINGERS: SOUTHERN NATION

INVOCATION: ROBERT HAYES, Methodist Bishop of Oklahoma, Retired

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

WELCOME: CHRIS BENGE, (*Cherokee*), Chief of Staff to Governor Mary Fallin, Secretary of Native American Affairs

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

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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)**

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JEROD IMPICHCHAAACHA' 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 Country*

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

Crystal Room

MIKE PATTERSON, Oklahoma Department of Transportation,
TIM GATZ, Executive Director, Oklahoma Turnpike Authority
DAVID A. MULLON JR., Attorney, Venable L.L.P., Washington D.C.
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

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

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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

8:30 - 9:30 PANEL C: ETHICS ADDRESS

JOHN REIF, Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

Grand Ballroom A-B-C

8:30 - 11:00 PANEL D: CRIMINAL LAW

MODERATOR: DANA KUEHN, Judge, Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals

Grand Ballroom D-E-F

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

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 , (<i>Muscogee(Creek)</i>), Chief Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court TRICIA TINGLE , (<i>Choctaw</i>), 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 (<i>Retired</i>), 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 , (<i>Kiowa/Taos Pueblo</i>), 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 JANELLE BRETTEEN , Senior Project Researcher and Planner, Office of Juvenile Affairs BRIAN HENDRIX , Deputy Assistant of Native American Affairs, Oklahoma Secretary of State KIMEE 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 , (<i>Chickasaw</i>), Director of Gaming Affairs, Division of Commerce, Chickasaw Nation NANCY GREEN , (<i>Choctaw</i>), Green Law Firm, Ada, Oklahoma ERNIE STEVENS, Jr. (<i>Oneida</i>), Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association JONODEV CHAUDHURI , (<i>Muscogee (Creek)</i>), Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission KATHRYN ISOM-CLAUSE , (<i>Taos Pueblo</i>), 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 , (<i>Osage</i>), Homer Law Chartered WILLIAM NORMAN , (<i>Muscogee (Creek)</i>) Hobbs, Strauss, Dean & Walker

