



# Tribal Justice Seminar Series

WEDNESDAYS FROM 12:00 - 1:00 PM PST ON ZOOM  
UC DAVIS SCHOOL OF LAW  
FEBRUARY 10, 2021 - MAY 5, 2021

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

**Christopher Chaney**  
DOJ Office of Tribal Justice

*"Tribal Access to FBI Databases: Protecting Vulnerable Persons in Indian Country"*



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

**Joel West Williams**  
Attorney, Native American Rights Fund

*"Snatching Defeat from the Jaws of Victory: Federal Court Review of Tribal Court Decisions"*



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

**Sally Willett**  
Retired Social Security Administration Judge,



**Polly Van Benthusen**  
Retired Social Security Administration District Manager

*"Social Security Programs Available to Tribal Communities"*



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

**Robert D. Gifford**  
Tribal Judge and Attorney

*"Tribal Practice Post-McGirt"*



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

**Tahlina Nofire Blakestad**  
Tribal Attorney

*"Representing Tribal Councils"*



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

**Angel Smith**  
Tribal Attorney

*"The Life of the Indian Child Welfare Act: Understanding ICWA from the Indian Child Perspective"*



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

**Lawrence King**  
Chief Judge, Morongo Band of Mission Indians

*"Tribal Court as Means to Healing Families"*



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

**Walter Echo-Hawk**  
President, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

*"Environmental Protection Challenges for Tribal Governments in the 21st Century: A Pawnee Case Study"*



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

**Kyle Haskin**  
Tribal Judge and Assistant Attorney General, Muskogee Nation

*"Tribal Court Practice as Judge and Advocate"*



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

**Richard Osburn**  
Tribal Judge, Mille Lacs Band

*"Implementing New Statutes and Programs and Enforcing Tribal Court Orders in a Public Law 280 State"*



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

**Paul David Terry**  
Graduate Student

*"Journeying with Social Justice and Health Education to Promote Equity in the Tribal Justice System"*



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

**Christine Williams**  
Chief Judge, Wilton Rancheria Tribal Court

*"P.L. 280 and Tribal Court Jurisdiction"*



WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

**Abby Abinanti**  
Chief Judge, Yurok Tribe of Northern California

*"Judicial Practices Derived from Traditional Values"*



SERIES HOSTED BY

**William A. Thorne**  
Retired Judge, Utah Court of Appeals

The Tribal Justice Seminar Series strives to unite law students, graduate students, faculty, and practitioners with leaders and scholars who specialize in the area of tribal courts. Over the course of the Spring 2021 semester, the series will explore some of the current challenges facing tribal courts and the creative, groundbreaking ways that thought leaders and practitioners are addressing them.

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