



2ND ANNUAL TRIBAL LEADERS CONFERENCE
TRANSITIONS:
Building Stronger Tribal Governance

Hosted by:
American Indian Law Center, Inc.

February 22-24, 2009

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CONFERENCE PURPOSE



“Transitions: Building Stronger Tribal Governance” is a conference that is specially designed for tribal leaders, judges, administrators, law enforcement, and other key personnel to learn about federal law and other processes useful to tribal governments.

First time leaders will gain valuable information necessary to make them more effective leaders and advocates for their tribal communities. Returning leaders will deepen their understanding of the laws and processes impacting their communities, and share their experiences and knowledge with other tribal leaders. The goal is to give a “jump start” to tribal administrations to be even more successful in leading their tribal communities in the next year.

Who Should Attend?

- Tribal Leaders
- Southwest Intertribal Court of Appeals (SWITCA) Members
- Tribal Court Staff
- Tribal Program Directors
- Tribal Council Members
- Tribal Judges
- Tribal Administrators
- Law Enforcement Officers

TESTIMONIALS



“I have to admit I was a little skeptical, initially, about attending. However, I am happy to report that the program was not only enjoyable but very educational. All in all, it was a completely worthwhile experience. I would certainly recommend to others next year.”

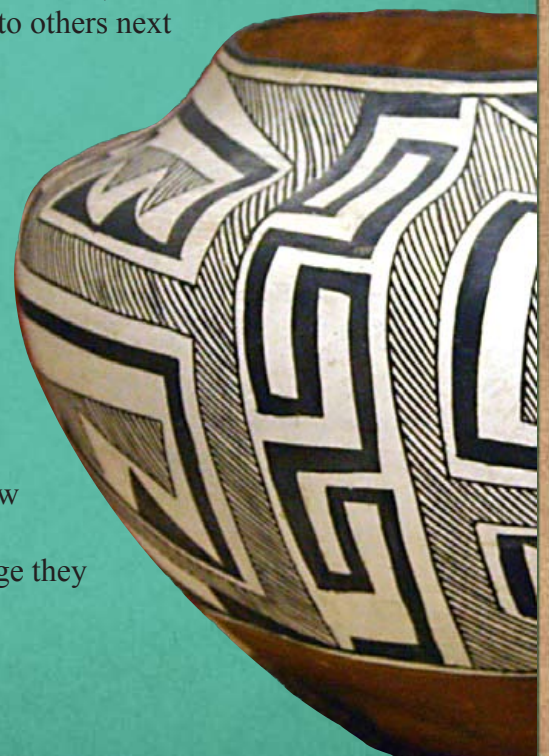
- Judge Geoffrey Tager, Tesuque Pueblo Tribal Court

“...the conference was very informative, educational and valuable in making me understand the practical processes of federal and state governments, and allowed me an opportunity to dialogue with Indian Law experts to help me guide and protect my tribal membership in an effective, productive manner. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to come together, to share our stories and learn from each other. Elahkwa (Thank you)!”

- Governor Norman J. Cooyate, Zuni Pueblo

“The Tribal Leaders Conference” provides a basic and thorough overview of issues facing Indian Country, which is imperative to know . . . The presenters have expertise and knowledge in their fields and the knowledge they provide is useful.”

- Lawrence John, Executive Director,
Navajo Nation Ethics and Rules Office



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CONFERENCE DATES

Sunday-February 22nd: Pre-registration/SWITCA-Standing Administrative Committee Meeting

Monday-February 23rd: Full-day of plenary and breakout sessions

Tuesday-February 24th: Full-day of plenary and breakout sessions

WORKSHOP TOPICS

Among the topics to be covered:

- Indian Law and Sovereignty
- Building Intergovernmental Relationships
- Indian Issues in the 111th Congress
- Federal and State Legislative Processes
- Understanding the Federal Budget Process
- Advocating for your Tribe
- Operating Tribal Businesses
- Effective Protection of Natural Resources
- Indian Case Law Update

Presenters leading the conference breakout sessions have extensive knowledge dealing in these areas. Many serve in critical positions such as tribal judges or attorneys serving tribal governments.

SWITCA SCHOLARSHIPS

Tribal court judges and tribal court staff (i.e., court administrators, court clerks, and hearing officers) in NM, AZ, southern Colorado and west Texas are eligible for SWITCA scholarships. Scholarships are on a reimbursement basis and cover only hotel and mileage/airfare. All eligible recipients must submit a reimbursement form (provided on-site) along with receipts.

CONFERENCE HOTEL INFORMATION

Isleta Hotel and Convention Center
11000 Broadway SE
Albuquerque, NM 87105
Ph: (800) 747-5382
or (505) 724-3800

Isleta Hotel and Convention Center is offering a special rate of \$80/night to conference participants. However, the number of rooms available is limited. **Reservations must be made by January 23, 2009** in order to get the special rate.

Call the hotel at (877) 747-5382 or (505) 724-3800 to make your reservations. Please mention "American Indian Law Center." Reservations made after January 23rd will be charged at the standard rate of \$194.00 per night.

Transitions Conference is funded by the Southwest Intertribal Court of Appeals (SWITCA)



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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2009.

**There is NO COST to register. One registration form per participant.
Continental breakfast & lunch will be provided both days.**

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First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Tribe/Organization/Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

AILC would like to provide participants with a complete collection of all conference materials. Please indicate whether you would like your materials via:  Hardcopy or  Electronic Copy (USB Flash Drive)

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To see all hotel amenities visit www.isletaeagle.com

RATE:

Discounted Conference Rate: \$80.00 per night

No online hotel reservation at this time. Participants must call to make reservations.

Refer to "American Indian Law Center" conference for discounted rate.

DEADLINE:

Deadline for discounted room rate is January 23, 2009

Room reservations made after January 23, 2009 may increase to regular room rates.

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Please send your completed registration form to: American Indian Law Center, Inc.

Fax: 505-277-1035 or submit the completed PDF file by email below.

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**PERMISSION TO PHOTOGRAPH:**

By registering, you give the AILC permission to take your photograph for future publication purposes.

Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities: If you require any assistance please contact the AILC.

