



The Muscogee (Creek) Nation
Supreme Court presents the 1st

Tribal, State & Federal Judicial Training

Remington Park
Oklahoma City, OK
June 5-6, 2017



Conference Agenda

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome and Blessing

George Thompson Jr., Muscogee Spiritual Leader, Mekko of Hickory Ceremonial Ground, Vice-Chief Justice, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court

The Honorable Richard Lerblance, Chief Justice, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court

The Honorable Douglas Combs, Chief Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court

9:30 – 10:30 Overview of Tribal Court – State Court Relations – Federal Court

Casey Ross, General Counsel and Director American Indian Law and Sovereignty Center, Oklahoma City University School of Law (Confirmed)

The Honorable John Reif, Associate Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court and Chairperson Oklahoma Supreme Court Council on State-Tribal Judiciary (Confirmed)

The Honorable Timothy P. Connors, Judge, 22 Circuit Court Family Division Michigan and State Representative of the Michigan Tribal-State-Federal Judicial Forum (Confirmed)

The Honorable Michael Petoskey, Chief Judge, Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi and tribal representative of the Michigan Tribal-State-Federal Judicial Forum (Confirmed)

The Honorable William A. Thorne, Judge (ret.), Utah Court of Appeals and Judge of numerous tribal courts (Confirmed)

The Honorable Suzanne Mitchell, Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma (Confirmed)

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 12:00 Implicit Bias Training

Michael Roosevelt, Senior Analyst, Criminal Justice Services, Judicial Council of California, Operations and Program Division (Confirmed)

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch on your own

1:30 – 2:30 Implicit Bias Round Table Discussions

Facilitators: Tribal, State and Federal Judges

2:30 – 2:45 Break

2:45 – 3:45 Indian Child Welfare

The Honorable C. Steven Hager, District Judge Kaw Nation, Justice Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas and Adjunct Professor, University of Oklahoma College of Law (Confirmed)

The Honorable Robert Blaeser, District Judge White Earth Chippewa Tribe and District Judge (Ret.) Hinnepin County, MN (Confirmed)

3:45 – 4:45 Indian Child Welfare Coordination between Tribal and State Courts - Round Table Discussions

Facilitators: Tribal, State and Federal Judges

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2017

8:30 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 10:00 Violence Against Women

The Honorable Abby Abinanti, Chief Judge, Yurok Tribal Court and Co-Chair of the California Tribal-State Forum (Confirmed)

Alfred Urbina, Deputy Associate Director, Tribal Justice Support – Office of Justice Services, U.S. Department of Interior-Indian Affairs, and former Attorney General, Pascua Yaqui Tribe (Confirmed)

10:00 – 10:15 Break

10:15 – 11:15 Issues involving Implementation of Violence Against Women’s Act (Law Enforcement and Enforcement of Tribal Protective Orders, etc.) Round Table Discussions

Facilitators: Tribal, State and Federal Judges

11:15 -12:30 Lunch

12:30 – 2:00 Drug Courts

The Honorable Douglas Combs, Chief Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court (Confirmed)

The Honorable Lisa Otipoby, Magistrate, Court of Indian Offenses for the Anadarko Area Tribes and Prosecutor for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation (Confirmed)

Honorable Tom Landrith, Retired District Judge, Presiding Judge for Ponotoc County Drug Court (Confirmed)

Honorable Michael Tupper, Special Judge, Presiding Judge for Cleveland County Drug Court (Confirmed)

Nisha Wilson, Director of Criminal Justice Services, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (Confirmed)

Johnna Hurt, Tribal Liaison for Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (Confirmed)

The Honorable Shon T. Erwin, Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma (Confirmed)

Steve Skinner, Chief Probation Officer, Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma (Confirmed)

2:00 – 2:15 Break

2:15 – 3:15 Drug Court Round Table Discussions

Facilitators: Tribal, State and Federal Judges

3:15 – 4:15 Other Issues of Common Concern and Potential Collaboration (Criminal Jurisdiction, Child Support Enforcement, Adult Protection Services)

Arvo Mikkonen, Assistant United States Attorney and Tribal Liaison, Western District of Oklahoma (Confirmed)

The Honorable Sherry Abbott-Todd, District Judge, Chickasaw Nation (Confirmed)

The Honorable Michael Belanger, District Judge, Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes (Confirmed)

The Honorable Suzanne Mitchell, Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma (Confirmed)

4:15 – 4:45 Round Table Discussion

Facilitators: Tribal, State and Federal Judges

4:45 – 5:00 Closing Remarks