

NAVAJO NATION BAR ASSOCIATION, INC.
2018 Annual Bar Conference

To be held at Sky Ute Casino Resort

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Mater of Ceremony: Mr. Ed Hermes

Thursday, June 7, 2018

- 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 – 8:10 a.m. Invocation: TBA – Bar Member
- Posting of Colors: Southern Ute Indian Tribe Veteran’s Association
 - Pledge of Allegiance (in Diné language) by Diné Students -
Fabian & Jaycelynn Yazzie; Domeniqu Largo, Katherine Largo &
Ms. DinéBi Olta, Tazbah Spruhan
- Room: Event Center A & B
- 8:10 – 8:30 a.m. Welcoming Remarks: Mr. James Washinawatok, Tribal Attorney for
Southern Ute Indian – Tribal Legal Department
- Mr. Charley Flagg, General Manager,
Sky Ute Casino Resort
- Welcome Addresses by: Mr. Casey Watchman, Bar President
Room: Event Center A & B
- 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. **Keynote Speakers:** Honorable JoAnn B. Jayne
Navajo Nation Chief Justice
Room: Event Center A & B
[Available CLE credit: 1.0-hour Navajo Law]
- 9:30 – 9:45 a.m. Break
- 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. **Breakout Session 1:** *[Available CLE credit 1.0-hour Navajo Law for each]*
1. A). **“Bankruptcy and Tribal Law”** - This presentation will address the intersection of
bankruptcy law and Indian law. The first half of the presentation addresses basic bankruptcy knowledge
every attorney should have and how a bankruptcy filing can impact a case before Navajo Courts. The
second half of the presentation will address issues of sovereign immunity and the involvement of tribal
entities in bankruptcy cases.
- Presenter:** Aubrey Thomas, Attorney,
David, Miles, McGuire, Gardner, PLLC; Flagstaff, Arizona
Room: Bonny Kent Room

1. B). ***“Title 26 – Navajo Nation Local Governance Act”***
 Presenters: Katherine Belzowski & Neomi Gilmore, Attorneys
 Navajo Nation Department of Justice, Window Rock, AZ
 Room: Event Center E
1. C). ***“Post Judgment Remedies” – Enforcement & Collections
 for Navajo Court Judgements.***
 Presenter: Mr. Ed Hermes,
 Attorney, Quarles & Brady Law Firm, Phoenix, AZ
 Room: Event Center C
1. D). ***“Navajo Language Court Interpretation”***
 Presenter: Ms. Esther Yazzie-Lewis, Private Consultant
 Room: Vida Peabody Room

10:45 – 11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Break-out Session 2: Repeated Sessions @ 1 hr. Navajo Law CLE**

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12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **Luncheon Program: NNBA Committee Annual Reports**
Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Committee
Presenter: Ms. Judith Dworkin - Chair
Annual Report of Disciplinary Committee
Presenter: Mr. James J. Mason - Chair
 Room: Event Center A & B

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **Plenary 1: “Window Rock School District Case & Impacts on**

Jurisdiction”

Presenters: Mr. Paul Spruhan, Attorney, Navajo Nation Dept. of Justice, Window Rock, AZ;
and

Brian Nichols, Attorney, Private Practice, Albuquerque, NM
Room: Event Center A & B
[Available CLE credit 1.0-hour Navajo Law]

2:00 – 2:15 p.m. Break

2:15 – 3:45 p.m. **Plenary 2: “Approaching Customary Land Use Foundations”** - Using selected Navajo Nation Court of Appeals and Supreme Court opinions, the class will examine attempts by the Navajo Nation court system in establishing a jurisprudence that strives to protect Navajo traditional land principle and practices that have no Anglo equivalents. Focus areas: Property for benefit of family, oral wills, and customary trusts. **Related Paper:** Foo, J: The HEARTH Act and the Navajo Trust Land Leasing Act of 2000: Financial and Self-Determination Issues, forthcoming in American Bar Association Native Resource Committee newsletter (June 2018)

Presenters: Josey Foo, Executive Director, Indian Country Grassroots Support Farmington, NM; AND

Retired Chief Justice Herb Yazzie, Kayenta, Az
Room: Event Center A & B
[Available CLE credit 1.5-hour Navajo Law]

3:45 – 4:00 p.m. Break

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. **Plenary 3: “The Ethics of Doing Business with the Navajo Nation and Other Tribes”**

Presenter: Troy Eid, Attorney, Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Denver, CO.

Room: Event Center A & B

[Available CLE: 1.5 hours Navajo *Ethics*]

<p>First Day Total CLE: Navajo Law & Ethics 5.5-hours Navajo Law & 1.5-hours Ethics (Yearly CLE Required: 6.0 Navajo Law & 2.0 Navajo Ethics)</p>

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6:30 – 8:30 p.m. **Banquet Program:** *Recognition of 30-Year Active Membership with NNBA – 1988 through 2018.*

- Eric N. Dahlstrom
- Ronald D. Haven
- Marcelino R. Gomez

Recognition of 2017 Recipients – 30 years NNBA Active Members
Presentation of Awards (not received in 2017).

- Lee R. Belone
- Levon B. Henry
- Jennifer Johnson-Martinez
- Memorial Recognition – Vernon J. Roanhorse
- Kathleen Bowman
- Loritta J. Largo

Separate Program will be distributed at the event

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Friday, June 8, 2018

- 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. **Plenary 4: “*Election Law Panel*”**
 Presenters: Steve Boos, Judy Dworkin – Attorneys;
 Maya Kane, and Leonard Gorman, Director, NN Human
 Right Commission Office
 Room: Event Center A & B
 [Available CLE credit 1.5-hours Navajo Law]
- 9:30 – 9:45 a.m. Break
- 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. **Plenary 5: “*Updates & Presentations by Navajo Nation
 Judicial Conduct Commission*”**
 Presenter: Emeritus Chief Justice Robert Yazzie, and
 Commissioners: Troy A. Eid, Judy Apachee, Dr. Manley
 Begay, Judge Bill Thorne.
 Room: Event Center A & B
 [Available CLE: 1.0-hour Navajo Law]
- 10:45-11:00 Break
- 11:00-12:00 **Plenary 6: “*Business Transactions on the Navajo Nation*”**
 Presenter: Brian Lewis, Attorney, Private Practice,
 Albuquerque, NM
 Room: Event Center A & B
 [Available CLE: 1.0-hour Navajo Law]
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **Luncheon Program: NNBA Committee Annual Reports**
 Training Committee
 Presenter: Paul Spruhan, Chair – Send Designee
- Admissions Committee*
 Presenter: Raymond Etcitty, Jr., Chair
- Rules Committee*
 Presenter: Patterson Joe, Chair – Send Designee
 Room: Event Center A & B

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Plenary 7: Case Law Updates

❖ ***Federal Case Law Update***

Presenter: Paul Spruhan, Attorney – **sent Designee**
Navajo Nation Department of Justice

❖ ***Navajo Nation Case Law Update***

Presenter: LaVerne Garnenez, J.D.
Staff Attorney, Navajo Nation Supreme Court

❖ ***Navajo Nation Legislative Update***

Presenter: Levin Henry, Chief Legislative Counsel - **Designee**
Navajo Nation Legislative Branch
Room: Event Center A & B
[Available CLE credit 1.0-hour Navajo Law]

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Plenary 8: “Appellate Strategies” - focusing exclusively on appeal strategies under Navajo law in the Navajo Supreme Court,

Presenter: David R. Jordan, Attorney
The Law Office of David R. Jordan, Gallup, NM
Room: Event Center A & B
[Available CLE credit 1.0-hour Navajo law]

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Plenary 9: “Ethics”

Presenter: James Mason, Attorney Private Practice
Mason & Isaacson, P.A.
Room: Event Center A & B
[Available CLE credit 1.0-hour Navajo Ethics]

4:00 p.m.

Afternoon refreshments will be available at the conclusion of Annual Conference.

Second Day Total CLE: Navajo, and Ethics
5.50-hours Navajo Law & 1.0-hours Ethics
(Yearly CLE Required: 6.0 Navajo Law & 2.0 Navajo Ethics)



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for Beautiful Venue.