



Extending Project Passport

Northeast Regional State-Tribal Forum

MGM Grand at Foxwoods
Mashantucket, CT
March 21-23, 2010

AGENDA

Monday, March 22, 2010

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM** Conference Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 – 9:30 AM** Opening Plenary: *Welcome & Introductions* — *Honorable Thomas W. Weissmuller, Chief Judge, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Court, and Denise O. Dancy, National Center for State Courts Project Director*
- 9:30 – 10:30 AM** Plenary: *Tribes and States Working Together* – *Moderator: Angelo V. Trimble, Court Liaison, Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Panelists: Chris Chaney, Deputy Director, United States Department of Justice, Office of Tribal Justice; Hon. Melvin R. Stoof, Pascua Yaqui Court, Arizona; Hon. Marcy L. Kahn, Justice, New York State Supreme Court; and, Joshua Breedlove, Esq., Health Director, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Mississippi*
- This session will be a panel discussion centered on the importance of continuing the dialogue to further (1) strengthen government-to-government relations; (2) improve public safety – particularly for women and children; and, (3) strengthen cross-jurisdictional recognition and enforcement of orders.
- 10:30 – 10:45 AM** Break
- 10:45 – 12:00 PM** Plenary: *The Jurisdictional Puzzle: Laying out The Different Pieces* — *Presentation Hon. Melvin R. Stoof, Pascua Yaqui Court, Arizona and Sarah Henry, Attorney Advisor, National Center on Protection Orders and Full Faith and Credit*
- This plenary session will discuss civil and criminal jurisdiction in Indian Country and their effect on tribal and state collaboration on domestic violence incidents. Personal jurisdiction over Indians and non-Indians, and subject matter jurisdiction will be covered. Protection order issuance and cross-jurisdictional enforcement in relation to the Violence Against Women Act's full faith and credit provision will be discussed.

- 12:00 – 1:30 PM** Lunch and Interactive Activity: *Hallie Bongar White, Executive Director, Southwest Center for Law and Policy*
- This will be an interactive session for participants over lunch using a game or scenarios to consider problem solving for common jurisdictional issues.
- 1:30 – 3:00 PM** Small Group Discussion & Report Back: *Cross-Jurisdictional Challenges – Moderator: Hon. Richard Blake, Chief Judge, Hoopa Valley Tribal Court, California; Faculty-Facilitated Groups for Part I Small Group Discussion*
- Part I: 1:30-2:30 p.m. – Participants will be divided into multidisciplinary, cross-jurisdictional groups based on colored dots found on their name badges to discuss challenges and report back briefly on their discussion. Each group will select a group “lead/recorder” to record the challenges and be prepared to report back in...
- Part II: 2:30-3:00 p.m. - Report Back Session facilitated by Judge Blake.
- 3:00 – 3:15 PM** Break
- 3:15 – 4:15 PM** Plenary: *Putting the Pieces Together: Workable Strategies to Challenges – Moderator: Hon. Richard Blake, Chief Judge, Hoopa Valley Tribal Court; Panelists: Richard Van Boxtel, Chief of Police, Oneida Police Department, Wisconsin; Sarah Henry, Attorney Advisor, National Center on Protection Orders and Full Faith and Credit; Shellene Johnson, Program Manager, Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women; and, Hon. Thomas W. Bibus, Goodhue County Justice Center, Minnesota*
- In this session, panelists will highlight and discuss various strategies/solutions to challenges identified that can be used in tribal and state courts and honored across jurisdictions, and respond to questions from the audience.
- 4:15 – 5:00 PM** Interactive Group Exercise: *Hallie Bongar White, Executive Director, Southwest Center for Law and Policy*
- This session will lead the participants through an interactive exercise that will build on the previous panel and broaden the exploration of other creative strategies and solutions.
- 5:00 PM** Session Closing: *“Food for Thought Homework” for Day 2 – Denise Dancy, NCSC Project Director*

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM** Conference Registration (Participants Breakfast on Their Own)
- 9:00 – 9:15 AM** Plenary: *Welcome Back, Recap of Day 1 & Overview of Day 2* – Denise Dancy, NCSC Project Director
- 9:15 – 10:30 AM** Plenary: *Tackling Technology: Data and Information-Sharing, NCIC and Protective Order Registry Challenges*: Moderator: Frank Gavigan, Chief of Police, Mohegan Tribal Police, Connecticut; Panelists: Christopher Duryea, Research Attorney, Connecticut Judicial Branch; Lark Johnson, Project Coordinator, Mississippi Attorney General's Office; Lanisha Bell, Program Manager, Family Violence and Victims Services, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; and David Steingraber, Executive Director, Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance
- 10:30 – 10:45 AM** Break
- 10:45 – 12:00 PM** Plenary: *Federal Firearms Toolkit for Domestic Violence Victims: Presentation*: Fanny L. Haslebacher, Attorney Advisor, United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women; Panel Q & A– Moderator: Hon. Richard Blake, Chief Judge, Hoopa Valley Tribal Court; Panelists: Sarah Henry, Attorney Advisor, National Center on Protection Orders and Full Faith and Credit; and, Hallie Bongar White, Executive Director, Southwest Center for Law and Policy
- This session will be a combined session of a formal presentation followed by a question-and-answer session supported by our panelists.
- 12:00 – 1:45* PM** Working Lunch: *State and Tribal Coordination Meetings*
- In this session, teams will have the opportunity to identify priority issues based on individual jurisdictional concerns and challenges, with an emphasis on developing plans for government-to-government consultation and collaboration processes to address those issues. Discussions will focus on including law enforcement and courts on ways to strengthen full faith and credit and reduce violence against women.
- NOTE: Break is built into this time. Participants will be encouraged to take breaks as they see fit instead of as an assigned group break time.
- 1:45 – 3:00 PM** Plenary: *Joint Jurisdictional Success Stories* – Moderator: Richard Blake, Chief Judge, Hoopa Valley Tribal Court, Panelists: Hon. Korey Wahwassuck, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Minnesota and Hon. John P. Smith, Ninth Judicial District, Cass County Courthouse, Minnesota; Hon. Patricia A. Maxwell, Erie County Family Court, New York and Hon. Darlene Seneca, Seneca Nation of Indians Judicial Branch, New York; and Hon. Edward R. Brunner, Wisconsin Court of Appeals and Hon. James Mohr, Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Court, Wisconsin

3:00 – 3:30 PM

Open Discussion Forum & Conference Closing – *Forum Moderators: Hon. Melvin R. Stoof, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Arizona, and Hon. Thomas W. Bibus, Goodhue County Justice Center, Minnesota; and Closing: Denise Dancy, NCSC Project Director*