



Extending Project Passport

Southwest Regional State-Tribal Forum

Hyatt Regency Tamaya
Santa Ana Pueblo, NM
November 17-18, 2010

AGENDA

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

- 7:30 – 8:30 AM** Conference Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 – 9:00 AM** Ceremonial Opening
Posting of the Colors by Members of the Kewa Pueblo (formerly Santo Domingo Pueblo) Color Guard
- Opening Plenary: *Welcome & Introductions — Honorable Roman J. Duran, Co-Chair, New Mexico Tribal-State Judicial Consortium; Ms. Kaydee Culbertson, Co-Chair, New Mexico Tribal-State Judicial Consortium; and Denise O. Dancy, National Center for State Courts Project Director*
- 9:00 – 10:15 AM** Plenary: *Modeling the Three Cs (Communication, Cooperation and Collaboration): The New Mexico Tribal-State Judicial Consortium – Moderator: Angelo V. Trimble, Court Liaison, Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Panelists: Honorable Roman J. Duran and Ms. Kaydee Culbertson, Co-Chairs; Honorable John J. Romero, Jr., Second Judicial District, New Mexico; and Honorable Irene Marie Toledo, Navajo Judicial District Court, Crownpoint, New Mexico*
- This session will spotlight the work of the New Mexico Tribal-State Judicial Consortium and provide an overview of how the Consortium was formed, its goals, and its various efforts at strengthening state-tribal collaboration (including its spearheading implementation of Project Passport). Panelists will discuss the impact of those collaborative efforts at both the state and local jurisdictional levels.
- 10:15 – 10:30 AM** Break
- 10:30 – 11:30 AM** Plenary: *Protection Orders and Enforcement Across Jurisdictions — Presentation: Millicent Shaw Phipps, Senior Attorney, National Center on Protection Orders and Full Faith and Credit*
- This session will discuss protection order issuance and cross-jurisdictional enforcement in relation to the Violence Against Women Act's full faith and credit provision.

- 11:30 – 12:15 PM** Plenary: *Tribal Court Civil Jurisdiction and Efforts to Ensure Justice — Presentation: Honorable Thomas W. Weissmuller, Chief Judge, Mashantucket-Pequot Tribal Court, Connecticut*
- This session will review tribal court civil jurisdiction, the provisions tribal codes should include to establish civil jurisdiction, and lessons learned from cross-jurisdictional efforts to protect Native women from violence.
- 12:15 – 1:30 PM** Lunch Buffet and Presentation: *Extending Project Passport: Getting Everybody on the Same Page — Presentation: Denise O. Dancy, Project Director, National Center for State Courts*
- This session will introduce the Passport Model Template First Page with a discussion of the purposes of the template’s individual elements, a review of its origin, and an update on the status of its implementation by states and tribes across the country.
- 1:30 – 2:30 PM** Plenary: *The New Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA): Implications for Justice in Indian Country — Presentation: Christopher B. Chaney, Deputy Director, United States Department of Justice, Office of Tribal Justice*
- This session will review the newly enacted Tribal Law and Order Act and its implications for tribal justice systems including policing, investigation, prosecution, judicial, and corrections issues.
- 2:30 – 2:45 PM** Afternoon Break
- 2:45 – 3:45 PM** Plenary: *Criminal Justice Issues in Indian Country — Presentation: Dean Kevin Washburn, University of New Mexico School of Law*
- This session will provide an overview of the basic structure of Indian country criminal jurisdiction, focusing mostly in the Southwestern United States, with a focus on the key federal laws that define such jurisdiction.
- 3:45 – 5:15 PM** Small Group Discussion & Report Back: *Cross-Jurisdictional Challenges – Moderator: Honorable Thomas W. Weissmuller, Chief Judge, Mashantucket-Pequot Tribal Court, Connecticut; Faculty-Facilitated Group Discussions*
- 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 report briefly on some of the challenges at the end of session.
- 5:15 PM** Session Closing: *“Food for Thought Homework” for Day 2 – Denise Dancy, NCSC Project Director*

Thursday, November 18, 2010

- 7:30 – 8:30 AM** Conference Registration (**Participants Breakfast on Their Own**)
- 8:30 – 8:45 AM** Opening - *Special Greetings from New Mexico's Supreme Court – Honorable Charles W. Daniels, Chief Justice, New Mexico Supreme Court*
- 8:45 – 9:00 AM** Welcome Back: *Recap of Day 1 & Overview of Day 2 – Denise Dancy, NCSC Project Director*
- 9:00 – 10:15 AM** Plenary: *Tribal Courts, Governance and Judicial Independence — Presentation: Honorable BJ Jones, Tribal Judicial Institute, University of North Dakota School of Law*
- This session will discuss tribal courts, tribal governance, and judicial independence and how variances in processes and courts (state-tribe and tribe-to-tribe) may impact coordination and responses across jurisdictions.
- 10:15 – 10:30 AM** Break
- 10:30 – 12:00 PM** Plenary: *More of the Three Cs: Cross-jurisdictional Approaches in Three States – Moderator: Susan Keilitz, Senior Court Research Associate, National Center for State Courts; Panelists: Jennifer Walter, Supervising Attorney, Administrative Office of the Courts, California; Honorable Claudette C. White, Chief Judge, Quechan Tribal Court, California; Honorable Christopher G. Wilson, Humboldt Superior Court, California; Honorable Donovan J. Foughty, Northeast Judicial District Court, North Dakota; Honorable William P. Zuger, Chief Judge, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, North Dakota; and Jason O'Neal, Chief of Police, Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police, Oklahoma*
- In this session panelists from California, North Dakota and Oklahoma will discuss the unique justice system needs of their jurisdictions, the cross-jurisdictional approaches they used to respond to those needs, the challenges they faced and how they addressed them, and the impact of their collaborative efforts at the state and/or local jurisdictional levels.
- 12:00 – 1:45 PM*** Working Lunch: *State and Tribal Coordination Meetings – Moderator: Kay Chopard Coben, Executive Deputy Director, National Criminal Justice Association*
- 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 in approaches to strengthen full faith and credit and reduce violence against women.
- * Break is built into this time. Participants will be encouraged to take breaks as needed rather than at an assigned group break time.

1:45 – 2:00 PM Presentation: *State-Tribal Collaboration and Justice Capacity Building* — Katy Jackman, Staff Attorney, National Congress of American Indians, and Kay Chopard Cohen, Executive Deputy Director, National Criminal Justice Association

In this presentation the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) will discuss their joint initiative to provide training and technical assistance on intergovernmental collaboration and capacity building around justice issues for state and tribal leaders and justice practitioners. The NCAI and NCJA will provide information on resources and opportunities to participate in this ongoing collaborative work.

2:00 – 3:15 PM Plenary: *Federal Firearms Toolkit for Domestic Violence Victims* — Presentation: Fanny L. Haslebacher, Attorney, United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women

3:15 – 3:30 PM Conference Closing – Denise Dancy, NCSC Project Director