Plenary 8

Title: Rethinking Pro Bono Service

11:15-12:15 p.m.

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1.0 Navajo Law

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An overview of *Biscup v. Kayenta District Court*, SC-CV-19-19, will be provided. Biscup, attorney pro hac vice, filed a petition for writ of prohibition against the Kayenta District Court challenging his pro bono appointment under the Navajo Pro Bono Rules. Discussion will center on pro bono appointment obligations of pro hac vice. Discussion will include the requirements of the Navajo Pro Bono Rules and the Bylaws of the Navajo Nation Bar Association, expounding on the role of the Admissions Committee and the authority of the courts of the Navajo Nation to name admitted pro hac vice for pro bono appointment. Legal and ethical obligations of the sponsoring attorney of the NNBA and the admitted pro hac vice will be clarified to address concerns of the unauthorized practice of law. In addition, more general concerns encompassing the pro bono appointment process will be conferred, including repeated withdrawals by distant attorneys and the burden to local advocates. The initiative to develop a more comprehensive pro bono list to ensure equitable service by all members will conclude the session.

Handouts:

Navajo Pro Bono Rules (1994)

Bylaws of the Navajo Nation Bar Association