

NAVAJO NATION BAR ASSOCIATION, INC.

Annual Bar Conference

June 6-7, 2019

“Strengthening Our Nation Through Diné Fundamental Law”

To be held at Twin Arrows Casino Resort

22181 Resort Blvd

Flagstaff, AZ 86004

928-856-7200

All times listed are Arizona time (Mountain Standard Time)

Thursday, June 6, 2019

- 5:30 – 7:30 a.m. NNBA Náshdóitsoh (mountain lion) 1.5-mile run (*register separately online or at the race*)
- 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. Conference Registration
- 8:00 – 8:15 a.m. Invocation: Honorable Navajo Nation Council Delegate Jamie Henio, 24th Navajo Nation Council
National Anthem: Beatrice Davalos, Destination Sales Executive, Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce
Room: Diné B, E, H, C, F, & I
- 8:15 – 8:30 a.m. Welcoming Remarks: Troy A. Eid, President, and LaVerne H. Garnenez, Vice-President, NNBA
Room: Diné B, E, H, C, F, & I
- 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Keynote: “Finding Hozhó in the Law and Life”
Speaker: Hilary Tompkins, Partner, Hogan Lovells and former Solicitor of the U.S. Department of the Interior
Room: Diné B, E, H, C, F, & I
- 9:30 – 9:45 a.m. Break
- 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. Plenary 1: “Update on Federal Litigation Related to the Navajo Nation”
Presenter: Paul Spruhan, Assistant Attorney General, Navajo Nation Department of Justice
Room: Diné B, E, H, C, F, & I
[CLE credit: 1 hour Navajo Law]
- 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Plenary 2: “Make Life Good: Navajo Case Law Discussing Professional

Conduct” (*Ethics*)

Presenter: Gertrude Lee, Senior Trial Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, 11th Judicial District, Div. II, McKinley County, NM

Room: Diné B, E, H, C, F, & I

[*CLE credit: 1 hour Navajo Ethics*]

11:45 – 12:45p.m.

Luncheon Program: “The Strength of the NNBA: How the work of the President and Vice President intersect with the Navajo Nation Bar Association and the need for Tribal Court Advocates”

Presenters:

- Doreen McPaul, Attorney General of the Navajo Nation
- Levon Henry, Chief Legal Counsel to the Navajo Nation President

Room: Diné B, E, H, C, F, & I

12:45 – 1:00 p.m.

Break

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Plenary 3: Oral Argument before Navajo Nation Supreme Court in the matter of *Ohio Casualty Insurance Co. v. Chinle District Court*, SC-CV-07-19.

Honorable Justices of the Navajo Nation Supreme Court:

- The Honorable Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne
- The Honorable Eleanor Shirley

Room: Diné B, E, H, C, F, & I

[*CLE credit: 2 hours Navajo Law*]

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15 – 4:15 p.m.

Plenary 4: “Elections, Race and Racism in San Juan County, UT – an Update”

Presenter: Steve Boos, Esq.

Room: Diné B, E, H, C, F, & I

[*CLE credit: 1 hour Navajo Law*]

4:15 – 5:45 p.m.

Plenary 5: “Fireside Chat”: A joint retrospective featuring John Echohawk, Executive Director of the Native American Rights Fund, and Honorable Harris Hartz, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit

Moderator: Honorable Allison Eid, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit

Room: Diné B, E, H, C, F, & I

[*This Plenary will not be eligible for Navajo CLE Credit, but may be eligible for State CLE credit*]

First Day Total CLE: 4 hours Navajo Law & 1 hour Navajo Ethics

(Yearly CLE Required: 6 hours Navajo Law & 2 hours Navajo Ethics)

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Friday, June 7, 2019

- 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. Conference Registration
- 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Plenary 6: “Talking Circle on Strengthening the Navajo Bar Exam”
Moderator: Honorable Robert Yazzie, Chief Justice emeritus, Navajo Supreme Court
Panelists:
 - Honorable JoAnn Jayne, Chief Justice of the Navajo Supreme Court
 - Honorable Albert Hale, former President of the Navajo Nation
 - Honorable Herb Yazzie, retired Chief Justice of the Navajo Supreme Court
 - Shawn Attakai, Esq.
 - Ray Etcitty, Esq.
 - Paul Spruhan, Assistant Attorney General, Navajo Nation Department of Justice
 - Justin Jones, Esq.Room: Diné B, E, H, C, F, & I
[*CLE credit: 2 hours Navajo Law*]
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Plenary 7: “Codifying Diné Fundamental Law: Looking Back After a Generation.”
Moderator: Honorable Robert Yazzie, Chief Justice emeritus, Navajo Supreme Court
Panelists:
 - Honorable Herb Yazzie, retired Chief Justice, Navajo Supreme Court
 - Honorable Albert Hale, former President of the Navajo Nation
 - Shawn Attakai, Staff Attorney, Navajo Nation Judicial Branch
 - Justin Jones, Esq.Room: Diné B, E, H, C, F, & I
[*CLE credit: 1 hour Navajo Law OR 1 hour Navajo Ethics*]
- 11:15 – 12:15 p.m. Plenary 8: “Rethinking Pro Bono Service”
Presenter: Honorable JoAnn Jayne, Chief Justice of the Navajo Supreme Court
Room: Diné B, E, H, C, F, & I
[*CLE credit: 1 hour Navajo law*]

- 12:15 – 1:15 p.m. Luncheon Program
Speaker: Honorable Navajo Nation Council Delegate Jamie Henio, 24th
Navajo Nation Council
Presentation: Report by the Judicial Conduct Committee
Room: Diné B, E, H, C, F, & I
- 1:15 – 2:15 p.m. Breakout Session 1:
- A) “General Historical Overview of Written Law Sources of Navajo Trust Land Restrictions, Status, Size, Use, Promises & Possibilities”
Presenter: Josey Foo, Executive Director, Indian Country Grassroots
Room: Twin Arrows A
[CLE credit: 1 hour Navajo Law]
- B) “Some Thoughts on Improving Navajo Justice”
Presenter: Lawrence Ruzow, Esq.
Room: Twin Arrows B
[CLE credit: 1 hour Navajo Law]
- C) “Diné Bi Beenahaz’aanii and Diné Common Law: Developing Navajo Healing to Wellness Courts and other Specialty Courts, Values and Principles of Restorative Justice”
Presenters:
- Jamie Mike, Health Promotion Specialist, Indian Health Services
 - Regina Begay- Roanhorse, Court Administrator, Navajo Judicial Branch
 - Alisha R. Thompson, Staff Attorney, Navajo Judicial Branch
 - Dorothy Yonnie, Wellness Court Consultant
- Room: Diné D, G
[CLE credit: 1 hour Navajo Ethics]
- D) “Words of the Talking God: Navajo Law and Justice”
Presenter: Joseph Austin, Esq.
Room: Diné B, E, H, C, F, & I
[CLE credit: 1 hour Navajo Ethics]
- 2:15 – 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Breakout Session 2:
- A) “Car Dealer Scams and Ripoffs”
Presenter: Nicholas Mattison, Esq.
Room: Twin Arrows A
[CLE credit: 1 hour Navajo Law]
- B) “Trying a Case on the Navajo Nation Using Online Research”

Presenter: Ted Barudin, Esq.
Room: Twin Arrows B
[CLE credit: 1 hour Navajo Law]

C) “Fundamental Law and Economic Development”

Presenters:

- Roman Bitsuie, Navajo Nation Peacemaking Program
- Joe Sandoval, Navajo Nation Peacemaking Program

Room: Diné D, G

[This breakout session will not be eligible for Navajo CLE Credit, but may be eligible for State CLE credit]

D) “Economic Development and Solar Energy Projects in the Navajo Nation: The Law and the Real World”

Presenters:

- Brian Lewis, Esq.
- Brett Isaac
- Clara L. Pratte

Room: Diné B, E, H, C, F, & I

[This breakout session will not be eligible for Navajo CLE Credit, but may be eligible for State CLE credit]

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Plenary 9: “The NNBA Disciplinary Committee: We Don’t Want to See You and You Don’t Want to See Us” (*Ethics*)

Presenters:

- Jim Ledbetter, Esq.
- Jay Mason, Esq.

Room: Diné B, E, H, C, F, & I

[CLE credit: 1 hour Navajo Ethics]

4:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Second Day Total CLE: *Up to 5 hours Navajo Law & up to 4 hours Navajo Ethics*
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