

NAVAJO NATION BAR ASSOCIATION, INC.

Annual Bar Conference

June 7, 2024

*“Navajo Nation Tribal Courts and it’s future, Attaining balance and harmony.”*

Diné Bigooldi Nidahwiit’aa Naasdi Bee Hozho Nahodooleef

To be held at:

Twin Arrows Casino Resort

Flagstaff, Arizona

**\*All times listed are mountain standard time (MST)\***

Friday, June 7, 2024

- 6:30 – 7:45 a.m. Check in and Breakfast.
- 7:45 – 8:00 a.m. Invocation & National Anthem and Welcoming  
Speaker: Amy Naazbah Reeves-Begaye 2023-2024 Miss Navajo Nation  
Room: A, B, D, E, G, H
- 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Plenary 1: Ethics and Rules Presentation  
Panel:  
❖ Ronald Haven, Attorney  
❖ Lewnell B. Harrison, Ethics and Rules Office  
❖ Raymond Etcitty, Attorney  
Room: A, B, D, E, G, H  
[CLE credit: 2.0 hour of Ethics]
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Plenary 2: Pro bono and how it affects the Navajo Nation members.  
Round Table Presentation: Questions and answers  
Panel:  
❖ Katherine LeBlanc, Attorney  
❖ Joseph Austin, Attorney  
❖ Justice Raymond D. Austin (ret.)  
Room: A, B, D, E, G, H  
[CLE credit: 1.0 hours of Navajo law]
- 11:00 – 12:00 p.m. Plenary 3:” Nihikayah Navajo Homeland” book review with Shawn Attakai  
Panel:  
❖ Shawn Attakai, NNBA Vice President  
❖ Robert Yazzie, Former Chief Justice  
Room: A, B, D, E, G, H  
[CLE credit: 1.0 hour of Navajo Law]

- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Luncheon Program: NNBA Awards  
 Presenter: Alvina Earnhart, NNBA President and Shawn Attakai, Vice President
- Lifetime Achievement Award: C. Benson Hufford, Attorney
- Member of the Year Award: Raymond Etcitty Jr.
- 30-year awards
- ❖ Ramon Ruben Gallegos
  - ❖ Malcolm M. Laughing
  - ❖ Luralene D. Tapahe
  - ❖ Veronika Fabian
  - ❖ Betsy Lynn Snow
- Committee Reports will be given out to NNBA members.  
 Room: A, B, D, E, G, H
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Plenary 4: Navajo Law and Culture: Dine Bibeehaz'aanii an Introduction  
 Speaker: Rodgerick Begay-Assistant Attorney General for the Chapter Unit,  
 Navajo Nation Department of Justice  
 Room: A, B, D, E, G, H  
 [CLE credit: 2.0 hours of Navajo Law]
- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Plenary 5: Firekeepers Circle: Elevating the voice of Native American  
 Women Attorneys. A report examining the Experiences of Native  
 American in the Law and a Path Towards Equity  
 Panel:
- ❖ Linda Benally, Immediate Past President, National Native American Bar Association
  - ❖ Dean Stacey Leeds, ASU, College of Law
  - ❖ Alvina Earnhart, Patterson Earnhart Real Bird & Wilson LLP
- Room: A, B, D, E, G, H  
 [CLE credit: 1.0 hour of Navajo Law]
- 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Plenary 6: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women History  
 Panel:
- ❖ Amber Kanazbah Crotty, Navajo Nation Council Delegate
  - ❖ Laurelle Sheppard, Program Director, Victim Witness Services, Northern Arizona
- Room: A, B, D, E, G, H  
 [CLE credit: 1.0 hour of Navajo Law]
- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Plenary 7: Intellectual Property Panel
- Panel:
- How Artificial Intelligence Affects Navajo People  
 Professor Angelo Baca, Cultural Activist, Scholar, Filmmaker

Enforcing Navajo Trademarks

Lillian Schwales, Senior Attorney, Navajo Nation Department of Justice

Considerations for Developing a Navajo IP Code

Eugenia Charles-Newton, Navajo Nation Council Delegate

Room: A, B, D, E, G, H

[CLE credit: 1.0 hour of Navajo Law]

6:00 p.m.

Adjourned, have a safe travel home.

Day Total CLE: 7.0 hours of Navajo Law & 2.0 Hour of Navajo Ethics

(Yearly CLE: Required 8 hours including at least 2 hours in Navajo Ethics and at least 6 hours of Navajo Law of which up to 2 hours may be replaced with Skills Course(s))

*If you would like to receive state CLE credit for the conference, please pick up a form at the conference registration desk.*

*Ahé'hee (Thank you)*

*To all Sponsors & the NNBA Conference Committee for your contributions to making this a successful conference!*



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