NAVAJO NATION BAR ASSOCIATION, INC.

2022 Annual Bar Conference

June 9-10, 2022

"Beyond the Pandemic: Navajo Nation-Building"

To be held at Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort & Hotel
22181 Resort Blvd
Flagstaff, AZ 86004
928-856-7200

All times listed are Arizona time (Mountain Standard Time)

Thursday, June 9, 2022

7:00 a.m.	Breakfast
7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Conference Registration
8:00 – 8:15 a.m.	Invocation and National Anthem Niagara A.C. Rockbridge, Miss Navajo Nation Room: Diné A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H & I.
8:15 – 8:30 a.m.	Welcoming Remarks: Troy A. Eid, President, and LaVerne H. Garnenez, Vice-President, NNBA Room: Diné A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H & I
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Keynote: "Criminal Justice Reforms in Indian Country" Speaker: Sam Winder, Professor, Southwest Indian Law Clinic, UNM School of Law Room: Diné A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H & I [*CLE credit: 1 hour Navajo Law*]
9:30 – 9:45 a.m.	Break
9:45 – 10:45 a.m.	Plenary 1: Update on Federal Litigation Related to the Navajo Nation Presenters: • Paul Spruhan, Assistant Attorney General, Navajo Department of Justice Room: Diné A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H & I [*CLE credit: 1 hour Navajo Law*]
10:45 – 11:45 a.m.	Plenary 2: "Making the Case for Water Rights for A Permanent Homeland for the Navajo Nation." Presenters:

- Judy Dworkin, Esq., Sacks Tierney P.A.
- Candace French, Esq., Sacks Tierney P.A.

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11:45 – 1:00 p.m. Luncheon Program
30-Year Recognition of NNBA Members
Presentation by The Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law
Presenters:

- Walter Stern, Esq., Modrall Sperling
- Pilar Thomas, Esq., Quarles and Brady

Room: Diné A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H & I

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Plenary 3: "Navajo Law, Energy & Infrastructure Development"
Moderator: Troy A. Eid, Esq., Greenberg Traurig, LLP.
Panel:

- Brian Lewis, Drummond Woodsum
- Carlyle Begay, Senior Advisor, Office of the Speaker
- Arash Moalemi, Deputy General Manager, NTUA Generation
- Bidtah N. Becker, Deputy Secretary for Environmental Justice, CalEPA

Room: Diné A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H & I
[*CLE credit: 2.0 hours Navajo Law*]

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 – 4:14 p.m. Plenary 4: "Practicing before the Navajo Office of Hearing and Appeals in Child Support Hearings"
Presenters:

- Christopher J. Schneider, Esq.
- Nona Etsitty, Esq.
- Chris Benally, Esq.

Room: Diné A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H & I
[*CLE credit: 1 hour Navajo Law*]

4:15 – 5:15 p.m. Plenary 5: "Diné Fundamental Law as Universal Law: A Fireside Chat with the Honorable Robert Yazzie"
Moderator: Honorable Allison Eid, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit
Room: Diné A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H & I
[*CLE credit: 1 hour Navajo Law or 1 hour Navajo Ethics*]

First Day Total Possible CLE:7 hours Navajo Law and 1 hour Navajo Ethics.
(Yearly CLE Required: 6 hours Navajo Law (2 hours of which can be replaced by a skills course) and 2 hours of Navajo Ethics)

Friday, June 10, 2022

5:30 – 7:00 am.	1.5-mile Challenge Run/Walk ($10 fee: *register online or on-site*) East Entrance of Twin Arrows
7:00 am	Breakfast
7:45 -8:00 a.m.	Welcome
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Plenary 6: "Diné Fundamental Law and Navajo Nation Sovereignty" Presenter: Justin Jones, Esq. Room: Diné A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H & I [*CLE credit: 1 hour Navajo Law or 1 hour Navajo Ethics*]
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Plenary 7: "Probate and Dependency Filing" Presenters: Hon. Judge Neomi Gilmore, Trial Judge, and Raven Atwood, Staff Attorney, Dilkon Judicial District Court Room: Diné A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H & I [*CLE credit: 1 hour Navajo Law*]
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	Plenary 8: "Brackeen, ICWA and Implications for the Navajo Nation" Presenter: Lucas Frank, Esq, Moses, Dunn, Farmer & Tuthill, P.C. Room: Diné A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H & I [*CLE credit: 1 hour Navajo Law*]
11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	Plenary 9: "Examining the Pro Bono Rules, Appointments and Possible Refinements" Presenter: Ray C. Etcitty, Esq., Etcitty Law, PLLC Room: Diné A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H & I [*CLE credit: 1 hour Navajo Law*]
12:15 – 1:30 p.m.	Luncheon Program Entertainment: James and Ernie
1:30 – 2:00 pm	NNBA Committee Updates Presenters: • Ray C. Etcitty, Admissions • James J. Mason, Disciplinary • Alvina Earnhart, Rules • Paul Spruhan, Training • Judy Apachee, Judicial Evaluation • Judith Dworkin, CLE

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2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Plenary 10: "Brainstorming Methods in Approaching Recruitment & Increasing NNBA Membership of Navajo Legal Advocates"
Facilitator: Hon. LaVerne Johnson
Panel:

- Arita Yazzie, Navajo Department of Justice
- Kathleen Bowman, Navajo Public Defender
- Jason Croxton, NHA General Counsel
- Rodolfo Sanchez, DNA People's Legal Services
- Lewnell Harrison, Navajo Nation Ethics & Rules
- Vernon Jackson, Acting Navajo Nation Chief Prosecutor

Room: Diné A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H & I
[*CLE credit: 1 hour of Navajo Law*]

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 – 4:15 p.m. Plenary 11: "Ethics Round-Up" (*Ethics*)
Presenters:

- James Ledbetter, Esq.
- Jay Mason, Esq.

Room: Diné A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H & I
[*CLE credit: 1 hour of Navajo Ethics*]

4:15 p.m. Adjourn

Second Day Total Possible CLE: *Up to* 5 hours Navajo Law & 2 hours Navajo Ethics
(Yearly CLE Required: 6 hours Navajo Law (2 hours of which can be replaced by a skills course) and 2 hours of Navajo Ethics)

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