



## NNBA NEWS

President's Newsletter

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## Navajo Nation Bar Association wins Prestigious Community Leadership Award

The Native American Bar Association of Arizona (NABA-AZ) has awarded its 2019 Community Leadership Award to the Navajo Nation Bar Association. NNBA Executive Director Yolanda Wauneka and Alexandria Wauneka, NNBA Deputy Executive Director, accepted the award at the annual NNBA Seven Generations Dinner at the Wild Horse Pass Resort, Gila River Indian Community. The Community Service Award honors the NNBA's leadership in serving Native American communities and governments in the State of Arizona.



## A Tale of Two Waunekas

Longtime staff member **Yolanda Wauneka** has taken the reins as NNBA Executive Director with the organization's information technology consultant, **Alexandria Wauneka**, appointed as Deputy Executive Director. "NNBA is very fortunate that Yolanda and Alex will continue to devote their time, talent and energy to strengthening our member services," said NNBA

**President Troy Eid.** "They have provided exceptional leadership to NNBA and we are fortunate to have them in such important positions of responsibility." Troy and NNBA Vice-



*Native American Bar Association of Arizona September 14, 2019 Award Dinner—Former Director, Rodriguez Morris introducing the NNBA and Yolanda Wauneka as new Executive Director.*

**President LaVerne H. Garnenez** thanked



*NABA-AZ September 14, 2019 Award Dinner at Wild Horse Pass Casino.*

outgoing NNBA Executive Director **Rodriquez Morris**, who accepted a position in the Office of the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council: “We wish Rod continued success and thank him for his many outstanding contributions to NNBA and its members.”

## Thompson, Yellow Eagle Join Board of Bar Commissioners

Congratulations to NNBA members **Alisha Thompson** (Ramah) and **Lisa Yellow Eagle** (Window Rock) for their election to the Board of Bar Commissioners! Longtime incumbent Commissioner Mariana Kahn was reappointed on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> to a vacancy in the Chile District. An election for the permanent appointment will be held as required by the NNBA By-laws. If you are interested in serving, please contact Yolanda at [yolanda@navajolaw.info](mailto:yolanda@navajolaw.info).



**Don't Miss Out! Register for the NNBA 'Last Chance' Navajo Law CLE Friday, Dec. 6th, at Fire Rock Casino, 8 am to 4:30 pm**

Register at [www.navajolaw.info](http://www.navajolaw.info). Special thanks to the Training Committee and the CLE Committee, and to Admissions Committee Chairman Ray Etcitty, for putting together this special event.

## NNBA Partners with ASU-Sandra Day O'Conner College of Law, University of New Mexico Law School

NNBA is proud to partner with ASU and UNM on two upcoming conferences focused on Navajo Law. On Friday, October 25, ASU-Sandra Day O'Conner College of Law will host its annual Navajo Nation Law CLE Conference in Phoenix. To register, go to <https://law.asu.edu/navajo-nation-law-cle-conference>. This coming Spring, NNBA and UNM Law School are planning a first-ever Spring Navajo Law CLE Conference in Albuquerque. To get involved in planning for the UNM conference, please contact Yolanda at [Yolanda@navajolaw.info](mailto:Yolanda@navajolaw.info).

## Rules Committee to Address Navajo Pro Bono Service Rules

At its quarterly meeting in Window Rock on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, the NNBA Board of Bar Commissioners voted to direct the Rules Committee to make recommendations for potential revisions to the Pro Bono Service Rules for consideration by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court. This includes whether the pro bono service requirements should be modified, such as providing expanded exemptions and alternative service plans. For more information, please contact Rules Committee Chair Alvina Earnhart at [aearnhart@ndnlaw.com](mailto:aearnhart@ndnlaw.com).



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## Annual NNBA Conference Set for June 4-5, 2020 at Twin Arrows

Back by popular demand, the NNBA Annual Conference will once again be held at Twin Arrows Resort and Conference Center on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Please mark your calendars and track conference-related information at [www.navajolaw.info](http://www.navajolaw.info).

## Board of Bar Commissioners Sets 2020 Meetings

The NNBA Board of Bar Commissioners announced the following 2020 schedule for quarterly meetings. All meetings will be held at DNA Offices in Window Rock unless otherwise indicated.

- January 10<sup>th</sup>.
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> (Twin Arrows, AZ).
- October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## NNBA President Meets with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonya Sotomayor

At the Judge’s Conference of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit in Santa Fe on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, NNBA President Troy Eid met with the Honorable Sonya Sotomayor, Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Justice Sotomayor traveled to the conference after meeting with elementary school children from the Navajo Eastern Agency. Troy briefed the Justice on the work of the NNBA and invited her to participate in future NNBA annual conferences and activities.



## JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

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