



NNBA NEWS

President's Newsletter

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FORMER INTERIOR SOLICITOR HILARY TOMPKINS TO KEYNOTE ANNUAL BAR CONFERENCE

The **Honorable Hilary Tompkins** (Diné) – the first and only Native American to serve as the Solicitor of the United States Department of the Interior in its 170-year history – will keynote the annual Navajo Nation Bar Association conference at Twin Arrows Resort and Conference Center on Thursday, June 6th. As Interior Solicitor under President Obama, Tompkins, who is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, led a team of more than 300 attorneys in 16 offices nationwide. Her accomplishments include the historic settlement of the largest class-action lawsuit in U.S. history, the *Cobell* tribal trust litigation. Tompkins, who is currently a partner with the international law firm Hogan Lovells in Washington, DC, served as Counsel to the Governor of New Mexico before joining the Obama Administration.



Honorable Hilary Tompkins

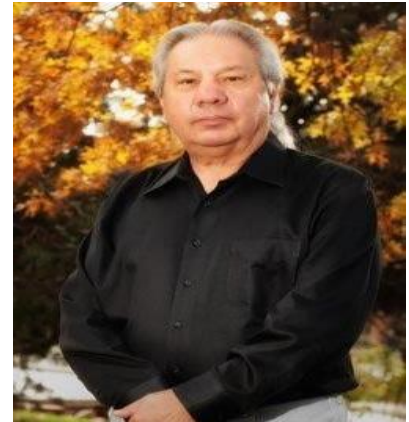
NNBA Annual Conference Training Material

The NNBA will have training material available in digital format, via USB drives and online, and hard copies for participants. Hard copies will be available for \$25 per binder, for additional information visit the NNBA at www.navajolaw.info.



JOHN ECHOHAWK, JUDGE HARRIS HARTZ TO HOLD FIRST-EVER NNBA 'FIRESIDE CHAT'

John Echohawk, Executive Director of the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) since 1977, and The **Honorable Harris L. Hartz**, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit, will convene the first-ever 'Fireside Chat' at this year's NNBA Bar Conference on the afternoon of Thursday, June 6th at Twin Arrows Resort and Conference Center. This unique conversation will be moderated by The **Honorable Allison H. Eid**, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit. Echohawk and Hartz grew up in Farmington, NM and have maintained their friendship for decades. Their lives in the law have intertwined for decades, influencing the Navajo Nation, Indian Country and the development of Federal Indian Law. "John Echohawk and Judge Harris Hartz set the standard for personal and professional integrity and devotion to public service," said **NNBA President Troy A. Eid**. "We're honored to welcome these two distinguished jurists to participate in NNBA's first-ever 'Fireside Chat' – a more relaxed and conversational discussion format that is popular at U.S. Circuit Court conferences and other gatherings – to share some of their remarkable experiences as lawyers and leaders."



Honorable John Echohawk



Honorable Allison H. Eid



Honorable Harris L. Hartz



Election Results: Navajo Judicial Conduct Commission Members and Shiprock Board of Bar Commissioner

Yá'áh'tééh,

Vice-President Garnenez and I are pleased to announce the official results, certified by Mr. Rodriquez Morris, of the most recent NNBA elections:

1. NAVAJO JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSIONERS (2):
Rhonda Tuni and Judy Apachee.
2. NNBA BOARD OF BAR COMMISSIONERS, SHIPROCK DISTRICT COMMISSIONER: Rachel Felix.

These results will be posted to the NNBA Web Site which is accessible at <https://www.navajolaw.info/>. Congratulations and thanks for your service to NNBA, the Judicial Branch, and the Navajo People and Diné Nation.

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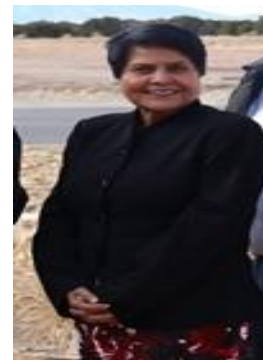
TROY A. EID, PRESIDENT,
LAVERNE H. GARNENEZ, VICE-PRESIDENT,
NAVAJO NATION BAR ASSOCIATION



Rhonda Tuni,
Judicial Conduct Commissioner



Rachel R. Felix,
Shiprock Board of Bar Commissioner



Judy R. Apachee,
Judicial Conduct Commissioner



Honorable
JoAnn Jayne
Chief Justice



Honorable
Eleanor Shirley
Associate Justice

NAVAJO SUPREME COURT TO CONVENE DURING TWIN ARROWS CONFERENCE

The Navajo Supreme Court will hold oral arguments in an environmental case, **Ohio Casualty Insurance Co. v. Chinle District Court (No. SC-CV-07-19)** at 1 pm on Thursday, June 6th, 2019, as part of the annual NNBA Bar Conference at Twin Arrows Resort and Conference Center. The news was made official on March 15th, when **The Honorable JoAnn Jayne**, Chief Justice, and **The Honorable Eleanor Shirley**, Associate Justice, signed an Order confirming that the parties will be given 20 minutes each to make their arguments. The dispute in this environmental case involves liability relating to a leaking underground gasoline storage tank in Chinle.



HONORABLE ROBERT YAZZIE TO CONVENE NNBA BAR EXAM 'TALKING CIRCLE' AT NNBA CONFERENCE

The Honorable Robert Yazzie, Chief Justice Emeritus of the Navajo Supreme Court, will lead a 'Talking Circle' at the annual Bar Conference as part of NNBA's ongoing Project to Strengthen the NNBA Bar Examination. A survey of NNBA Members last Fall found that more than two-thirds are dissatisfied with the current Bar Examination. The Talking Circle will address potential improvements to the exam and bar licensure requirements as well as test preparation and review. The NNBA is honored that Chief Justice Yazzie has accepted the Board of Bar Commissioners' invitation to undertake a project that is so incredibly important to the future of the Navajo Nation. For more information, please contact Chief Justice Yazzie at robertgyazzie@yahoo.com.



*Honorable
Robert Yazzie*

The 2019 NNBA Annual Bar Conference

The Navajo Nation Bar Association announces the 2019 NNBA Annual Conference is set for June 6-7, 2019 at the Twin Arrows Casino. Registration is available online in addition to mail-in registration with online payments as well. The conference will be open to the general public to include employees from the Navajo Nation government, as well as students from colleges and universities on and off the reservation. Updates for the conference will be posted on the website at www.navajolaw.info.



BOARD OF BAR COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The NNBA Board of Bar Commissioners meeting is set for June 5, 2019 at 3:00 PM at the Twin Arrows Casino and Resort, Executive Conference Room. All members of the NNBA are invited to attend. The agenda will be posted on the NNBA website prior to the June 5, 2019.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR INFORMATION VISIT: <https://www.navajolaw.info/>

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