

CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COURT/STATE COURT FORUM

Forum E-Update

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FORUM PROPOSALS

(To view these proposals, see forum home page
<http://www.courts.ca.gov/3065.htm>)

SB 406: The California Judicial Council approved sponsoring legislation to provide a streamlined procedure for the recognition and enforcement of tribal court civil judgments.

Child Support: Proposal to add a new California Rule of Court that would provide a consistent procedure for the discretionary transfer of title IV-D child support cases from the state courts to tribal courts where there is concurrent jurisdiction over the matter in controversy.

Psychotropic Medication: Proposal to revise rules and forms relating to notice of Indian Tribes.

Tribal Access to Confidential Juvenile Court Files: Proposal to amend section 827 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act (UAGPPJA) proposed for California: Proposal to amend California Law Revision Commission draft of UAGPPJA to address issues involving conservatorships for members of Indian tribes located in the State of California.

FORUM EVENTS

Cross-Cultural Court Exchanges

The forum has planned a series of local tribal court/state court exchanges to both model the collaborative relationships among tribal and state court judges at a local level and foster partnerships among tribal and non-tribal agencies and service providers. Through these exchanges, which are judicially-convened on tribal lands, participants identify areas of mutual concern, new ways of working together, and coordinated approaches to enforcing tribal and state court orders. Since no court order is self-executing, these exchanges serve to support both state and tribal courts by ensuring that those who are providing court-connected services are working together to meet the needs of their tribal communities regardless of whether citizens walk through the tribal or state courthouse doors.

Forum members, Judge Claudette White, Chief Judge of the Quechan Tribal Court, and Judge Juan Ulloa, Judge of the Superior Court of Imperial County co-hosted the first exchange. Forum members, Judge Abby Abinanti, Chief Judge of the Yurok Tribal Court and Judge Christopher G. Wilson co-hosted the second exchange. The third exchange will be co-hosted by Judge Richard C. Blake and Judge Christopher G. Wilson. The next exchange is tentatively scheduled on:

Date: September 12, 2013
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Where: Hoopa Reservation

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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The State Judicial Branch has a Court Extranet with educational and other resources for state court judges and tribal court judges. This Website contains information relevant to all levels of judicial branch personnel and includes resources designed to meet education, facilities, financial, human resources, legal, special court projects, technology, and other informational needs. It also offers both current news and archived resources. For more information, please contact Angelica Souza at 415-865-7417 or angelica.souza@jud.ca.gov

Childhood Trauma in Indian Country

July 24, 2013, at 11 a.m. (PT)

The [Indian Country Child Trauma Center](#) at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center is offering a series of free Webinars on [Childhood Trauma in Indian Country](#). The series focuses on effective treatments for trauma for American Indian and Alaska Native youth, their parents, and family members. Continuing education credits will be available for each 1-hour session. The second of seven monthly Webinars will be held on July 24, 2013, at 2 p.m. ET, to discuss findings from the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study and the impact of ACEs on American Indian and Alaska Native children in particular. Subsequent Webinars will focus on cultural enhancements to evidence-based practices and approaches in Indian Country. This Webinar series is being presented by Dolores Subia Bigfoot, PhD, of the Indian Country Child Trauma Center. [Learn more](#) about each free Webinar in the series, upcoming dates, and how to participate online.

Tribal-State Court Collaboration Based on Native Justice Traditions

July 25, 2013 at 12:00-1:30 p.m. (PT)

This webinar will highlight three programs that blend native and state justice on innovative ways to improve state and tribal justice. Staff of the Center for Court Innovation's peacemaking pilot program at the [Red Hook Community Justice Center](#), will discuss how traditional Native American practices are used to resolve disputes that originate in either the justice system or in the community. In the second program, justice officials from the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe in Akwesasne, New York, will discuss how The Healing to Wellness/Drug Court, housed under the Tribal Court, uses cultural traditions to restore and heal justice involved tribal members in collaboration with neighboring Courts. Lastly, representatives from the New Mexico Tribal-State Judicial Consortium and Cross Cultural Exchanges will discuss how the Consortium contributes to collaboration among state and tribal courts. [Register here](#).

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Tribal/State Programs Link:
<http://www.courts.ca.gov/programs-tribal.htm>

These programs are supported with funds from the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice that are administered through the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Court Improvement Program, and the California Department of Social Services.

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2013 National Tribal Judicial Conference & NAICJA Annual Meeting October 9-11, 2013 in Cabazon, CA

The National American Indian Court Judges Association (NAICJA) is pleased to announce that the 2013 National Tribal Judicial Conference & NAICJA Annual Meeting will be held at the Morongo Casino Resort & Spa in Cabazon, California on October 9 – 11, 2013. This theme for this year's conference is *Renewing and Strengthening Tribal Justice System Foundations*. The Conference is open to the public and will provide information, training and networking opportunities for judges, court personnel and other persons interested in American Indian & Alaska Native tribal justice systems. For more information see this link: <http://naicja.org/events/2013conference>

Beyond the Bench XXII

December 2-4, 2013 in Los Angeles, CA

Beyond the Bench XXII will be taking place December 2-4, 2013, at the Marriott Hotel in Anaheim. We invite you to submit your workshop proposals for review.

If you plan to submit a proposal, we recommend that you have all the necessary data for the application before you connect to the online form. Only online submissions will be considered.

Online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BTBXXIIPresenterForm>

Deadline for Proposals is **July 29, 2013**. For your convenience, the Save the Date flyer and a blank copy of the online form are attached in PDF files.

ICWA Educational Resource Video - Bringing our Children Home: An Introduction to the Indian Child Welfare Act

This ICWA educational resource video is the culmination of the ongoing collaboration between the Mississippi Courts, Child Welfare Agency, and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians in consultation with the National Resource Center on Legal and Judicial Issues and the National Resource Center for Tribes. The video was produced by Mad Genius, Inc., Ridgeland, Mississippi. The video will be a companion to the National ICWA Judicial Curriculum currently in development, a resource designed for state court judges, courts, and judicial educators.

http://courts.ms.gov/trialcourts/youthcourt/youthcourt_vcvideos.html

SURVEYS

Online Assessment of the 2013 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS)

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is seeking input online assessment on the 2013 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) process **by July 22nd**. www.fvtc.edu/ctasassessment .

Addiction in Indian Country: Tribal Justice Survey

The National Tribal Judicial Center at the National Judicial College (NTJC/NJC), with funding support from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), is conducting an on-line survey to assess training needs on addiction related issues and tribal justice systems. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YGT78KD>

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GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

OJJDP FY 2013 Support to the Attorney General's Task Force on American Indian/Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence

Deadline: July 29, 2013

This solicitation will support an organization that will (1) assist the Attorney General's Task Force on American Indian/Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence (AI/AN Task Force) to conduct public hearings and listening sessions in American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities to help the AI/AN Task Force gain a fuller understanding of the issues surrounding AI/AN children's exposure to violence, (2) provide primary technical writing services for the final report from which the AI/AN Task Force may draw specific policy recommendations, and (3) provide all necessary support for the AI/AN Task Force and the public hearings.

<http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2013/AGTF%20AIANCEV.pdf>

Bridging Cultures at Community Colleges

Deadline: August 27, 2013

The National Endowment for the Humanities posted FY 2013 Bridging Cultures at Community Colleges grant information, intended to strengthen and enrich humanities education and scholarship at community colleges or community college systems. These projects must be planned and implemented in collaboration with another institution with appropriate resources, such as a college or university, museum, research library, or professional association. Grants may be used to enhance the humanities content of existing programs, develop new programs, or lay the foundation for more extensive endeavors in the future. <http://www.neh.gov>

Surdna Foundation

Deadline: Open (Letters of Inquiry)

The Thriving Cultures Program supports programs that successfully connect teens to artistically rigorous and culturally relevant programs that equip them with practical and life-enhancing skills. This foundation supports programs that prepare young, emerging artists to be creative and innovative leaders in their communities. <http://www.surdna.org>