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# **2019-2020 SPONSORSHIP PACKET**

Working to enhance tribal  
sovereignty, the Indian law  
community, and tribal justice  
systems in California







The California Indian Law Association ("CILA") was formed with the purpose of serving as the representative of the Indian law legal profession in California. CILA is dedicated to enhancing the legal profession and tribal justice systems in California by promoting professional growth, high standards of professional competence and ethical conduct. CILA seeks to provide quality educational programs to Indian law practitioners, tribal justice personnel, law students and the public. The organization also works to promote the study of Indian law and related topics in public and higher education and to provide guidance and assistance, through mentoring,

scholarships and other activities, to Native American students in their pursuit of law studies and the legal profession. CILA strives to promote the sound administration of justice to advance the status of Indian tribes and American people in the law. CILA is dedicated to helping Indian tribes in California achieve self-determination, self-sufficiency and to protect tribal sovereignty. CILA began in 2000 and was formally organized in 2003 under the Hoopa Non-Profit Corporations Code. CILA received its 501(c)(3) non-profit status in 2018.





# MEET THE BOARD

BOARD MEMBERS ARE ELECTED BY CILA MEMBERSHIP AND SERVE THREE YEAR TERMS.

## **LORETTA MIRANDA**

*President.* Descendant of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians. Graduate of Lewis and Clark Law School. Currently serves as Interim General Counsel for the Karuk Tribe.

## **SAMANATHA CYPRET**

*Treasurer.* Member of Mountain Maidu of Taylorsville Rancheria. Graduate of Lincoln Law School. Currently serves as Analyst in the legal department at the California Native American Heritage Commission.

## **ANNA HOHAG**

Citizen of the Bishop Paiute Tribe. Graduate of University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law. Currently serves as an Associate Attorney for Fredericks Peebles and Patterson.

## **CHEYENNE SANDERS**

*Vice President.* Member of the Yurok Tribe. Graduate of Cornell Law School. Currently serves as Associate Judge for the Puyallup Tribe of Indians.

## **ALEXANDRA MOJADO**

Citizen of the Cherokee Nation and descendant of the Pala Band of Mission Indians. Graduate of University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law. Currently serves as Associate Attorney for the Hoopa Valley Tribe.

## **MICHELLE LAPENA**

Member of the Pit River Tribe. Graduate of UC Davis School of Law, King Hall. Currently serves as Partner at Rosette, LLP.

## **ERICA COSTA**

*Secretary.* Descendant of the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians and Round Valley Indian Tribes. Graduate of UCLA School of Law. Currently serves as an associate attorney at Berkey Williams LLP.

## **JOHN MILLER**

Graduate of UC Davis School of Law, King Hall. Currently pursuing a Master of Library and Information Science at the University of Washington Information School.

## **TAMARA HONRADO**

Six Nations Mohawk. Graduate of Southwestern Law School. Currently serves as Associate General Counsel for the Yurok Tribe.

# 20TH ANNUAL CALIFORNIA INDIAN LAW CONFERENCE

Since 2000, CILA hosts an annual conference dedicated to the exploration of legal topics of interest to California Indian tribes and to provide continuing education on cutting edge legal issues for Native attorneys and attorneys practicing Native law in California. Over the past 20 years, the conference has tackled important issues ranging from employment law, gaming compacting, Indian child welfare, environmental compliance, and more. Each year's agenda is determined by feedback from our membership, reflecting the issues faced by tribal clients and Indian Country as a whole.

The annual event also includes the opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of our peers by the presentation of the Outstanding Achievement in California Indian Law and Outstanding Young Attorney awards. In 2019, we had the honor of presenting George Forman the Outstanding Achievement in California Indian Law award. In 2019, George celebrated his 50th year of service to California tribal communities. We were honored to present Christina Snider, Governor's Tribal Advisor and Executive Secretary of the Native American Heritage Commission, the 2019 Outstanding Young Attorney award.

Conference surveys and membership feedback illustrates how valuable our participants find the California Indian Law Conference. Attendees include tribal attorneys, elected tribal leaders, and community members. The 20th Annual California Indian Law Conference will be hosted in Southern California. In an effort to support our community, CILA conferences are always held at tribal properties.





MEMBERSHIP FEEDBACK

**"THE CALIFORNIA INDIAN  
LEGAL COMMUNITY IS  
SMALL BUT STRONG. CILA  
HELPS FOSTER  
COMMUNITY  
CONNECTIONS, ALLOWING  
EXPERIENCED INDIAN  
ATTORNEYS TO SUPPORT  
FUTURE GENERATIONS  
THROUGH INNOVATIVE  
PROGRAMMING. CILA HAS  
CONNECTED ME WITH  
RESOURCES TO SERVE MY  
TRIBAL CLIENTS."**

CILA Member Fatima Abbas, Former  
General Counsel for the Karuk Tribe





# 2020 PATHWAY TO LAW INITIATIVE

CILA works to promote the study of Indian law and related topics in public and higher education and to provide guidance and assistance, through mentoring, scholarships and other activities, to Native American students in their pursuit of law studies and the legal profession.

CILA fosters the development of Native American lawyers to serve the needs of Indian Country with its Native Law Pipeline Initiative. As part of this Initiative, CILA is excited to host its second annual two-day law school application workshop for Native undergraduate students and professionals committed to taking the LSAT and apply to law school. After attending the two-day workshop, CILA will match each student with a Native attorney mentor who will support each participant through the law school application and enrollment process. Program participants will be invited to attend CILA's annual conference in October of 2020, where they can attend panels and network with Native attorneys, attorneys practicing Indian law, and Native law students.




The Initiative will work to effectively increase the participation of Native Americans in the pipeline into the legal profession by, but not limited to: (1) assisting Native American college students achieve the index required to gain admission to competitive law school and improving their position when they enter the job market, (2) increasing the number of Native American students applying to law school, and (3) ensuring new Native American attorneys grow and progress in the legal profession, i.e., in the top law firms, corporations, or the federal and state judiciary.





The 2020 event will occur in March 2020 at U.C. Davis, King School of Law. Confirmed partners include California ChangeLawyers and the National Native American Bar Association Foundation.



# NATIVE AMERICAN LAW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS



CILA is committed to expanding our scholarship opportunities to help Native law students planning on practicing Indian law in California cover the expenses of attending law school. Since 2017, CILA has offered a 3L Diversity Scholarship through a partnership with the California ChangeLawyers Foundation for one graduating Native law student who plans to take the California Bar Exam. Since 2019, through a generous donation from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, CILA is proud to offer scholarships to current Native law students to assist with law school expenses. To be eligible for these scholarships, an applicant must be: (1) Native law student studying in a California law school, (2) affiliated with a federally or non-federally recognized California Tribe studying in any U.S. law school, and/or (3) Native law student studying in any U.S. law school, but planning on taking the California Bar and practicing in California.



The CILA Board of Directors is always extremely pleased to review the increasing number of applications we receive for each scholarship. Our scholarship recipients are accomplished Native law students deeply committed to serving Indian Country and to achieving their respective personal, academic, and professional goals along the way. By way of illustration, one of our 2019 scholarship recipients is Ms. Janet Bill, a member of the Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians of California and currently a 3L at Arizona State University. Ms. Bill recently completed a clerkship with the Morongo Band of Mission Indians and is currently clerking at the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in Washington, DC. Given the high level of interest and number of applications CILA is more committed than ever to continuing and expanding its scholarship offerings.



## 2020 California Indian Law Association Donation and Conference Sponsorship Form

By signing this Form, the sponsoring Tribe/Firm/Organization ("Sponsor") affirms its understanding of the benefits and responsibilities of the sponsorship, as detailed herein.

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Representative Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State and Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Ways to Give (check one or more):

#### **Annual Fund**

*Deep roots keep our organization strong. Like the indigenous trees of California Native people have relied upon since time immemorial, we invite you to become a member of our annual fund by donating at any of the following levels.*

#### **\_\_\_\_\_ Redwood - \$50,000 and above**

- ☐ 10 complimentary CILA Conference and Gala Registrations
- ☐ Full-page advertisement in Conference program
- ☐ Recognition during Conference welcome
- ☐ Opportunity to display promotional material during Conference
- ☐ Opportunity to address attendees during Conference luncheon
- ☐ Donor recognition in annual newsletter
- ☐ Listing on the CILA website, with an active link to your firm or corporation
- ☐ Special invitations to events
- ☐ An annual update on the programs your donation supports
- ☐ Webinar sponsorship

#### **\_\_\_\_\_ Pine - \$25,000 – \$49,999**

- ☐ 8 Complimentary CILA Conference and Gala Registrations
- ☐ Full-page advertisement in Conference program
- ☐ Recognition during Conference welcome
- ☐ Opportunity to display promotional material during Conference
- ☐ Opportunity to address attendees during Conference luncheon
- ☐ Donor recognition in annual newsletter
- ☐ Listing on the CILA website, with an active link to your firm or corporation



- Special invitations to events
- An annual update on the programs your donation supports
- Webinar sponsorship

\_\_\_\_\_ **Maple - \$15,000-\$24,999**

- 6 Complimentary CILA Conference and Gala Registrations
- Full-page advertisement in Conference program
- Recognition during Conference welcome
- Opportunity to display promotional material during Conference
- Opportunity to address attendees during Conference luncheon
- Donor recognition in annual newsletter
- Listing on the CILA website, with an active link to your firm or corporation
- Special invitations to events
- An annual update on the programs your donation supports
- Webinar sponsorship

\_\_\_\_\_ **Cypress - \$10,000-\$14,999**

- 5 Complimentary CILA Conference and Gala Registrations
- Full-page advertisement in Conference program
- Recognition during Conference welcome
- Opportunity to display promotional material during Conference
- Opportunity to address attendees during Conference luncheon
- Donor recognition in annual newsletter
- Listing on the CILA website, with an active link to your firm or corporation
- Special invitations to events
- An annual update on the programs your donation supports

\_\_\_\_\_ **Oak – \$5,000 - \$9,999**

- 4 Complimentary CILA Conference Registrations
- Full-page advertisement in Conference program
- Recognition during Conference welcome
- Opportunity to display promotional material during Conference
- Opportunity to address attendees during Conference luncheon
- Donor recognition in annual newsletter
- Listing on the CILA website, with an active link to your firm or corporation
- Special invitations to events
- An annual update on the programs your donation supports

### **Scholarship Sponsorship**

*CILA is committed to expanding scholarship opportunities to help Native law students planning on practicing Indian law in California cover the expenses of attending law school. Your donation directly funds CILA scholarship awards.*

\_\_\_\_\_ **3L Diversity Scholarship - \$2,500**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Annual Named Scholarship - \$5,000**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Endowed Named Scholarship - \$50,000**

- Donor recognition in annual newsletter
- An annual update on the scholarship you support



### **Pathway to Law Sponsorship**

*The Pathway to Law Initiative promotes the study of Indian law and provides guidance and assistance to prospective Native law students. In 2020, our 2-day Pathway to Law Initiative event was held at UC Davis, King School of Law. Funding is needed to support program components, lodging and transportation for our participants, food and refreshments during the program, and student resources including but not limited to LSAT test prep aids.*

#### **Champion - \$5,000+**

- Full-page advertisement in Pathway to Law Initiative program and logo on all printed materials
- Recognition during event welcome and closing
- Sponsor acknowledgement on CILA website
- Opportunity to display promotional material during event
- Recognition in CILA's Annual Legal Journal
- 3 complimentary tickets to the 2020 Conference & Gala
- If "Champion" is a tribal government organization, opportunity to designate up to three (3) qualified tribal participants to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pathway to Law Initiative, subject to Board review.

#### **Leader - \$1,000+**

- Half-page advertisement in Pathway to Law Initiative program
- Recognition during event welcome and closing
- Sponsor acknowledgement on CILA website
- Recognition in CILA's Annual Legal Journal
- 1 complimentary ticket to the 2020 Conference & Gala

#### **Supporter - \$500+**

- Quarter-page advertisement in Pathway to Law Initiative program
- Recognition during event welcome and closing
- Sponsor acknowledgement on CILA website

### **Conference Sponsorship (Deadline to sponsor is 09/18/2020)**

*The CILA Conference is an annual tradition that celebrates scholarship in the field of Indian law and the strong community of Indian law practitioners in the state. We invite you to become a sponsor of our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference at any of the following levels.*

*Announcement: Due to COVID-19, the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Honoring event will be held virtually October 15-16, 2020. Hosting a virtual conference at discounted registration prices will allow CILA to connect with more attendees than ever before! We hope you will join as a sponsor.*

#### **Golden Bear - \$2,500+**

- 20 complimentary Conference registrations
- 20 complimentary 2020-2021 CILA Memberships
- Full-page advertisement in Conference program (print and digital)
- Sponsor acknowledgement on Conference outreach material and CILA website and social media
- Recognition during Conference welcome and closing



- Opportunity to include written promotional material(s) in CILA conference package sent to paid registrants (limitations apply, please contact CILA for details)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Salmon - \$1,500**

- 10 complimentary Conference registrations
- 10 complimentary 2020-2021 CILA
- Half-page advertisement in Conference program (print and digital)
- Sponsor acknowledgement on Conference outreach material and CILA website and social media
- Recognition during Conference welcome and closing

\_\_\_\_\_ **Condor - \$1,000**

- 5 complimentary Conference registrations
- 5 complimentary 2020-2021 CILA
- Quarter-page advertisement in Conference program
- Sponsor acknowledgement on Conference outreach material and CILA website
- Recognition during Conference welcome and closing

\_\_\_\_\_ **Coffee Break - \$750**

- Quarter-page advertisement in Conference program
- Sponsor acknowledgement on Conference outreach material and CILA website
- Recognition during Conference welcome and closing

\_\_\_\_\_ **Abalone - \$500**

- Sponsor acknowledgement on Conference outreach material and CILA website
- Recognition during Conference Welcome

\_\_\_\_\_ **Coyote – Up to \$499**

- Sponsor acknowledgment on Conference program and CILA website.

\_\_\_\_\_ **In-Kind Donor**

- Please consider in-kind donations to support CILA. Accepted items include, but are not limited to, branded lanyards and tote bags for conference attendees. In-Kind Donors will receive acknowledgment on Conference program and CILA website.

**Conference Silent Action Donation (Must receive item or confirm drop-off by 09/18/2020)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Woodpecker (approximate retail value \$\_\_\_\_\_USD)**

- Sponsor acknowledgment on Conference program and CILA website.

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## CILA Partner

*We invite you to partner with us at any level. Your donation will support CILA's initiatives and be designated for specific programs at discretion of the Board. Please reach out to us directly if you would like to discuss our highest needs or if you have any special requests on how the funding will be used.*

\_\_\_\_\_ (fill in amount of your donation in USD, or specify if making an "in-kind" donation)

- At minimum we will acknowledge your generous donation on the CILA website. If you have any requests on how we can appropriately recognize your partnership, please let us know.

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Please contact [calindianlaw@gmail.com](mailto:calindianlaw@gmail.com) for a copy of our W-9 or IRS Determination Letter.

**Return signed Form to:** Erica Costa, Board Secretary at [calindianlaw@gmail.com](mailto:calindianlaw@gmail.com) or  
P.O. Box 1313, Davis, CA 95617

Sponsor Representative Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

[Please also complete and remit the Sponsor Agreement on the following page]

## 2020 CILA Sponsor Agreement

In return for the benefits, the Conference Sponsor agrees to:

1. Promptly complete all sponsorship administrative requirements, including:
  - Promptly authorizing CILA's use of Sponsor's logo and name;
  - Providing logo and name in a scalable, high-resolution graphics as soon as practicable;
  - Prior to completing any logo or trademark use agreement required by Sponsor, if applicable, providing a copy of the logo usage policies to CILA Fundraising Chair Loretta Miranda at [calindianlaw@gmail.com](mailto:calindianlaw@gmail.com).
2. Pay the sponsorship commitment. Checks must be made out to "California Indian Law Association" and mailed to:

**Erica Costa, Board Secretary**  
**P.O. Box 1313**  
**Davis, CA 95617**

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Additionally, if Sponsor qualifies for complementary conference registration, Sponsor will provide the following information for each attendee to CILA Conference Chair Cheyenne Sanders at [calindianlaw@gmail.com](mailto:calindianlaw@gmail.com) no later than **09/18/2020**:

1. First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name;
2. Organization/Firm/Tribe;
3. Address, Street, City, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code, Country; and
4. Daytime Phone, Fax, Email.

**Return signed agreement to:** CILA Secretary Erica Costa at [calindianlaw@gmail.com](mailto:calindianlaw@gmail.com).

Sponsor Representative Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_