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2024 SPONSORSHIP PACKET

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





The **California Indian Law Association**, Inc. ("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 Indian 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. Learn more about CILA by visiting our website at calindianlaw.org.



MEET THE BOARD

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

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President. Yurok Tribal Member. Graduate of Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law. Currently serves as Chief Judge of the Wilton Tribal Court.

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Graduate of Loyola Law School. Currently serves as a Skadden Fellow at Disability Rights California.

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Enrolled member of the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians. Graduate of the University of New Mexico School of Law. Currently an Income Partner and Lobbyist at Peebles Kidder Bergin & Robinson, LLP.

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Descendant of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians. Graduate of Lewis & Clark Law School, Currently Deputy Tribal Affairs Secretary & Special Counsel for the Office of California Governor Gavin Newsom.




ANNUAL CALIFORNIA INDIAN LAW CONFERENCE


Since 2000, CILA has hosted 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 Indian law in California. Over the past 24 years, the conference has tackled important issues ranging from employment law, gaming compacting, Indian child welfare, ethics, 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.



In 2023, we held the annual conference at the Graton Resort and Casino in Rohnert Park, CA. The event featured well-respected Indian law attorneys including Senior Counselor to the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs Samuel Kohn, and Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians' Attorney General Denise Turner Walsh. We also welcomed US Bureau of Reclamation's Jeffery Payne and TASIN's Jacob Mejia to speak.



The annual conference 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 at the CILA Annual Awards Dinner. In 2021, CILA had the honor of presenting the Outstanding Achievement in California Indian Law awardee to the Honorable Claudette White (posthumously). In 2022, CILA honored Michael Pfeffer with the Outstanding Achievement in California Indian Law award and Leonard Powell (Hopland Band of Pomo Indians) with the Outstanding Young Attorney Award.



The 2024 Annual Conference will be hosted in Southern California. More information will be made available on our website.

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 and current Director
of the U.S. Department of the Treasury Office of
Tribal and Native Affairs

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2021 Pathway to Law Cohort



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2022 Pathway to Law Cohort



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

CILA fosters the development of Native American lawyers to serve the needs of Indian Country with its Pathway to Law Initiative. As part of this Initiative, CILA hosts an annual two-day law school application workshop for Native undergraduate students and professionals committed to taking the LSAT and applying to law school. CILA matches each participant with an attorney mentor who will support them through the law school application and enrollment process.

Pathway to Law works to effectively increase the participation of Native Americans in the pipeline into the legal profession in many ways, including: (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, in-house counsel, corporations, or the federal and state judiciary.

CILA partners of the Pathway to Law Program include California ChangeLawyers, the National Native American Bar Association, and local law schools.



STUDENT FEEDBACK



"I would like to extend my gratitude to the our sponsors as you have supported a program that will allow for Native Peoples to advance the legal agendas of Indigenous communities and individuals in California by putting forth efforts to position American Indian students to succeed in law school."

Patrick Burt

2021 PATHWAY TO LAW COHORT



"Literally everyone was so helpful and offered their information for us to reach out to them personally. I want to like to thank the sponsors for supporting Native/Indigenous scholars who want to pursue a legal career because our communities need it and the legal field needs more Native/Indigenous representation."

JoAnne Lee

2021 PATHWAY TO LAW COHORT



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 to provide a bar study scholarship to one graduating Native law student who plans to take the California Bar Exam.

In 2024, CILA intends to provide scholarships to current Native law students to assist with law school expenses. In general, eligibility requirements are as follows: (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.

Given the high level of interest and number of applications, CILA is more committed than ever to continuing and expanding its scholarship offerings.



2024 FUNDRAISING GOAL

PROJECTED NEED

GENERAL FUND \$50,000

PATHWAY TO LAW \$20,000

CONFERENCE \$50,000

SCHOLARSHIPS \$25,000

LEGAL JOURNAL \$5,000

FUNDRAISING **\$150,000**
GOAL



2024 Annual Fund Sponsorship Levels

The CILA Programs are annual traditions and it is due to the generosity of supporters like you that we can continue to provide our programming. Because of your support, CILA continues to celebrate scholarship in the field of Indian law while cultivating a strong community of Indian law and Native practitioners. We encourage you to sponsor CILA and our programs at any of the following levels.

Golden Bear - \$20,000+

- 15 Conference Registrations and 15 Awards Dinner Tickets.
- Full-page advertisement in the Conference Program, the Pathway to Law Initiative Program, and the Legal Journal. Deadlines apply.
- Recognition during the Conference and the Pathway to Law welcome. Deadlines apply.
- Recognition during CILA sponsored social hours and online MCLEs.
- Opportunity to display promotional material during the Conference and the Pathway to Law Program. Deadlines and restrictions apply.
- Donor recognition in CILA Newsletter.
- Listing on the CILA website, with an active link to your firm or corporation.
- An annual update on the programs your donation supports.
- Your choice of a Law School Scholarship or scholarship for a Pathway to Law participant to be named after your firm or corporation. Deadlines apply.

Salmon - \$15,000+

- 10 Conference Registrations and 10 Awards Dinner Tickets.
- Full-page advertisement in the Conference Program, the Pathway to Law Initiative Program, and the Legal Journal. Deadlines apply.
- Recognition during the Conference and the Pathway to Law welcome.
- Recognition during CILA sponsored social hours and online MCLEs.
- Opportunity to display promotional material during the Conference and the Pathway to Law Program.
- Donor recognition in CILA Newsletter.
- Listing on the CILA website, with an active link to your firm or corporation.
- An annual update on the programs your donation supports.
- A scholarship for a Pathway to Law participant will be named after your firm. Deadlines apply.

Bighorn Sheep - \$10,000+

- 5 Conference Registrations and 5 Tickets for Awards Dinners.
- Half-page advertisement in the Conference Program, the Pathway to Law Initiative Program, and the Legal Journal. Deadlines apply.
- Recognition during the Conference and the Pathway to Law welcome.
- Recognition during CILA sponsored online social hours and online Spring MCLEs.
- Opportunity to display promotional material during the Conference and the Pathway to Law Program.
- Donor recognition in CILA Newsletter.
- Listing on the CILA website, with an active link to your firm or corporation.
- An annual update on the programs your donation supports.

2024 CILA Conference Sponsorship Levels

The CILA California Indian Law Conference and Awards Dinner is an annual tradition. With approximately 150 attendees, each conference is a unique opportunity to network with seasoned practitioners, elected leaders, and rising stars.

Deer - \$5,000

- Eight (8) Conference Registration and Eight (8) Awards Dinner Ticket (one table). Full-page advertisement in the Conference program.
- Opportunity to address attendees during Awards Dinner.
- Company logo on promotional materials associated with the Conference.
- Sponsor acknowledgement on the Conference outreach material and the CILA website.
- Recognition during the Conference welcome.
- Opportunity to display promotional material during the Conference.

Otter - \$2,500

- Four (4) Conference Registration and Four (4) Awards Dinner Ticket.
- Quarter-page advertisement in the Conference Program.
- Company logo on promotional materials associated with the Conference.
- Sponsor acknowledgement on the Conference outreach material and the CILA website.
- Recognition during the Conference welcome.

Break Sponsor - \$1,000

- Catered refreshment break sponsored by your company in promotion materials and onsite signage.
- Recognition during the Conference welcome.

Abalone - \$500

- Company logo on promotional materials associated with the Conference.
- Sponsor acknowledgement on the Conference outreach material and the CILA website.

In-Kind Donations *(please email CILA if interested)*

- **Conference Silent Auction Items**
 - Please consider donating an item for our Silent Auction. We will note your donation in the Conference Program. Accepted items include, but are not limited to, Native jewelry, event tickets, apparel, hotel packages, gift sets, dinner vouchers, etc.
- **Giveaway Materials for Program Participants & Conference Attendees**
 - Please consider in-kind donations to support CILA. Accepted items include, but are not limited to, branded lanyards, water bottles, and tote bags. One hundred sixty (160) items requested. In-Kind Donors will receive acknowledgment in the Conference program.
- **Meeting Spaces**
 - CILA does not have a physical office and the Board is always looking for partners to host in-person Board meetings (weekends only), the California Indian Law Conference, & CILA Socials.

Sponsorship Agreement



In return for the benefits, the CILA 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 at info@calindianlaw.org.

2. Pay the sponsorship commitment.

Payment may be made electronically via PayPal. The link is available on our website or by emailing us at info@calindianlaw.org.

Checks must be made out to
"California Indian Law Association" and mailed to:

California Indian Law Association
Attn: CILA Treasurer
13061 Rosedale Hwy
Ste. G #594
Bakersfield, CA 93314

California Indian Law Association is a 501(c)(3) public charity with Tax ID # 01-0773520. If requested, please email info@calindianlaw.org for a copy of CILA's W-9 or IRS Determination Letter.

Please provide the following information for CILA Conference acknowledgement at info@calindianlaw.org.

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: info@calindianlaw.org.

Sponsor Representative Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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. CILA Budgets will be provided upon request.

Sponsor Name: _____

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Sponsorship Levels (check one or more)

_____ Golden Bear - \$20,000

_____ Salmon - \$15,000

_____ Bighorn Sheep - \$10,000

_____ Deer - \$5,000

_____ Otter – \$2,500

_____ Break Sponsor – \$1,000

_____ Abalone – \$500