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# **18TH ANNUAL CILA GALA & CONFERENCE**

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**OCTOBER 11-12, 2018**

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*From the president*

# WELCOME!



On behalf of the Board of Directors of the California Indian Law Association, I am pleased to welcome you to the 18th Annual California Indian Law Conference and Gala. We are excited to have five panels that we believe will provide practical insights into relevant areas of interest to our members, featuring highly accomplished and respected Indian law scholars, practitioners, and tribal government officials.

2018 has been an exciting time for the organization. For the second year in a row, CILA has co-sponsored a 3L Diversity Bar Review Scholarship with the California Bar Foundation. CILA's scholarship program has also received significant funding this year from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, who have donated \$20,000 to the CILA Scholarship Fund. We thank the people of San Manuel for their generous support of CILA's goal of assisting Native American law students on the path of service to Native people and California tribes.

If you are interested in donating to CILA, please visit our website at [www.calindianlaw.org](http://www.calindianlaw.org). CILA is a volunteer based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and donations are tax-deductible. With your support, we can continue to enhance the professional growth and development of members of the Indian law legal profession and tribal justice system in California. We appreciate your membership and participation in CILA, and hope you enjoy the Conference!

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Will Haney  
President, California Indian Law Association

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# AGENDA

October 12, 2018

Eagle's View Ballroom, Pechanga Resort & Casino

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- 8:15 - 8:45 AM**      *Registration and Continental Breakfast*
- 8:45 - 9:00 AM**      *Opening Prayer and Welcome  
TBD*
- 9:00 - 10:00 AM**      ***Panel 1: Legislative and Litigation Update***
- 10:00 - 10:15 AM**      *Coffee Break, Sponsored by Procopio*
- 10:15 - 11:15 AM**      ***Panel 2: Best Practices in Tribal Court  
Development and Judicial Ethics***
- 11:15 - 11:20 AM**      *Short Break*
- 11:20 - 12:20 PM**      ***Panel 3: Labor and Employment in  
Indian Country: Updates and Best  
Practices***
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- 12:30 - 1:00 PM**      *Lunch, Eagle's Nest*
- 1:00 - 1:45 PM**      *Presentation of Outstanding Achievement  
in California Indian Law Award, Jerome L.  
Levine*
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- 1:50 - 3:00 PM**      ***Panel 4: Public Law 280: Challenges  
and Opportunities for California Tribal  
Law Enforcement***
- 3:00 - 3:15 PM**      *Coffee Break, Sponsored by Procopio*
- 3:15 - 4:15 PM**      ***Panel 5: Encouraging Native American  
Students to Attend Law School***
- 4:15 - 4:20 PM**      *Short Break*
- 4:20 - 5:00 PM**      ***CILA Annual Membership Meeting & Board Elections***
- 5:00 - 5:15 PM**      *Closing Remarks & Announcement of Silent Auction Winners*

The CILA Annual Conference qualifies for 5.25 hours of California MCLE Credit including 1.0 hour of California Ethics MCLE credit and 1.0 hour of Elimination of Bias in the Legal Profession MCLE credit.



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9:00 - 10:00 AM

*Legislative and Litigation Update*



## SETH DAVIS

*Professor of Law, University of California Berkeley*

Seth Davis is an expert on federal litigation and public administration. His scholarship focuses upon the hard choices that we don't acknowledge or hope to avoid when we create rights of action and allocate lawmaking authority. Substantively, he focuses upon these hard choices as they arise in federal litigation, federal administrative law, and federal Indian law on the one side and property and tort on the other.



## KIMBERLY A. CLUFF

*In-House General Counsel, Morongo Band of Mission Indians*

Since becoming a member of the California Bar in 1998, Ms. Cluff has worked exclusively in the field of Indian law, advocating for Indian tribes and native non-profits. Her work has included advocacy and litigation connected to tribal economic development, Indian Child Welfare, domestic violence, strengthening tribal governance and tribal ordinance development. Ms. Cluff also extends her advocacy to legislative efforts, for example spearheading the California Tribal Customary Adoption Act. Ms. Cluff is admitted to practice in California, the Washoe Tribal Court and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians Tribal Court.



## JACOB MEJIA

*Executive Director, Tribal Alliance of Sovereign Indian Nations*

Mr. Mejia has nearly 20 years of experience in public affairs. He is currently the Director of Public Affairs for the Pechanga Development Corporation where he oversees media relations, state legislative matters, charitable giving, community relations, and communications. Since 2004 Jacob has also served as Executive Director of the Tribal Alliance of Sovereign Indian Nations (TASIN), an intergovernmental association of federally recognized tribal governments in Southern California, where he has played an instrumental role in establishing TASIN as a leading voice in California for tribal rights.



## GENEVA EB THOMPSON

*CILA Treasurer, Moderator*

Geneva EB Thompson is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and is a staff attorney with Wishtoyo Foundation. Ms. Thompson is a graduate of the UCLA School of Law, where she served as the President of UCLA NALSA, clerked with the Department of Justice Indian Resource Section, the Natural Resources Defense Council, Earthjustice, and the Tribal Law and Policy Institute, participated in the NALSA Moot Court Competition, Vice President of the UCLA Student Bar Association, and was the Diversity and Outreach Editor of the UCLA Law Review. Ms. Thompson has published articles in the UCLA Law Review and the Indigenous Peoples Journal of Law, Culture, and Resistance.

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10:15 - 11:15 AM

## *Best Practices in Tribal Court Development and Judicial Ethics*



### **HON. CHRISTINE WILLIAMS**

*Director, Tribal Justice Project, UC Davis School of Law Aoki Center for Critical Race and Nation Studies*

Hon. Christine Williams, a member of the Yurok Tribe, and has spent her career representing Tribes in a broad spectrum of tribal legal matters primarily tribal court development, Indian child welfare and cultural resource protection. She joined the UC Davis School of Law Aoki Center for Critical Race and Nation Studies to act as the Director for the Tribal Justice Project in 2018. She currently serves as the Chief Judge for the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians in El Dorado County. Judge Williams was instrumental in establishing the Family Wellness Court with the El Dorado County Superior Court, which is a joint-jurisdiction court which enables judges from both jurisdictions to work in concert to hear cases in one courtroom. This model is second tribal court/state court joint-jurisdictional in the nation, the first in California.



### **HON. DEVON L. LOMAYESVA**

*Chief Judge, Intertribal Court of Southern California*

Devon is a member of the Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel and is currently the owner of Lomayesva Law Corporation, P.C.. She is also the Chief Judge of the Intertribal Court of Southern California that serves eleven member tribes and numerous other tribes and tribal organizations. Devon has also held the positions of Executive Director of California Indian Legal Services, Iipay Nation Councilmember, and In-House Tribal Attorney for the Iipay Nation. Devon is a co-founder of the American Indian Recruitment Programs, which promotes positive youth development through education, culture and other positive projects and events.



### **LORETTA MIRANDA**

*CILA Secretary, Moderator*

Loretta is a descendant of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and is Associate General Counsel for the Karuk Tribe. She is graduate of Lewis and Clark Law School and has clerked for the Department of the Interior, the Office of the Regional Solicitor in Portland, the Native American Rights Fund in Alaska, and for the Yurok Tribal Court. Ms. Miranda was also the 2016-2017 Indian Law Fellow at Berkey Williams LLP.



### **JOHN MILLER**

*CILA Board Member, Moderator*

John is a recent graduate of UC Davis School of Law, King Hall. John's primary areas of interest are Native American law, legal history, and public policy. He currently works at the UC Davis School Law as a Tribal Justice Specialist with the Aoki Center for Critical Race & Nation Studies Tribal Justice Project. When he is not working, he enjoys watching his Dodgers, learning foreign languages, and practicing for his Cicerone certification.

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11:20 - 12:20 PM

## *Labor and Employment in Indian Country: Updates and Best Practices*



### **SANDRA MCCANDLESS**

*Partner, Dentons LLP*

Sandra McCandless is the head of Dentons' Employment and Labor practice in California. She represents management in all aspects of labor and employment, including class action and individual litigation, arbitration, mediation and the provision of employment-related advice. Sandra has also practiced in the international arena throughout her career, representing many Asian and European companies doing business in the US. She has assisted multinational companies on the broad spectrum of labor and employment issues across the globe, working on matters involving Asian, European, Middle Eastern and African operations, as well as those in North America.



### **SCOTT WILSON**

*Law Offices of Scott A. Wilson*

Scott A. Wilson has represented employers with respect to virtually every type of legal issue arising from an employer-employee relationship. Mr. Wilson spent 22 years with Littler Mendelson, a national labor and employment law firm, and started the firm's San Diego office in 1981. In recent years, Mr. Wilson's practice has involved active representation of Indian Gaming employers nationwide.



### **BREANN NU'UHIWA**

*Associate General Counsel, Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians*

Breann serves as Associate General Counsel to the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians. In her role as legal counsel, Breann provides strategic advice to the tribal government and all of the Band's corporate entities on labor and employment law matters. Breann previously served as Assistant General Counsel to the tribal government of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Breann earned her Bachelor's Degree from Yale University; her Juris Doctor from the University of Southern California; and her Master of Laws in Tribal Policy, Law, and Government from ASU.



### **JOHN H. HANEY**

*CILA Board Member, Moderator*

John is a member of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, and is an associate attorney at Holland & Knight LLP in its Native American Law Group and its Labor, Employment, and Benefits Group. Mr. Haney is a graduate of the UCLA School of Law, where he served as the President of the NALSA, served as a student clerk for the Hualapai and Hopi Tribal Appellate Courts, and participated in the NNNALSA Moot Court Competition. Mr. Haney has published articles in the University of New Mexico School of Law Tribal Law Journal and the Employee Relations Law Journal.



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**CHRISTINA SNIDER**

Keynote Speaker



**JEROME L. LEVINE**

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Indian Law Award Winner



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1:50 - 3:00 PM

## *Public Law 280: Challenges and Opportunities for California Tribal Law Enforcement*



### **CAROLE GOLDBERG**

*Distinguished Research Professor, UCLA School of Law; Chief Justice, Hualapai Court of Appeals.*

Carole Goldberg is Distinguished Research Professor at UCLA School of Law, and the Jonathan D. Varat Distinguished Professor of Law Emeritus. She also serves as Chief Justice of the Hualapai Tribe in Arizona. Since she joined the UCLA School of Law faculty in 1972, Professor Goldberg has specialized in the fields of Federal Indian Law and Tribal Law, publishing numerous articles and books on these subjects, including the 1982, 2005, and 2012 editions of Cohen's Handbook of Federal Indian Law, the leading treatise in the field, and influential works about Public Law 280. She founded UCLA School of Law's Joint Degree Program in Law and American Indian Studies, its Tribal Legal Development Clinic, and its Native Nations Law and Policy Center. In 2013, she received the Lawrence Baca Lifetime Achievement Award from the Federal Bar Association's Indian Law Section, and in 2016 she was recognized by CILA with its Award for Outstanding Achievement in California Indian Law.



### **BILL DENKE**

*Chief of Police, Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation*

Bill has served the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation as their Chief of Police for the past 14 years. Bill has served as a subject matter expert for California's Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training in developing new training curriculums, "Policing Indian Lands" and "Responding to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Calls on Tribal Lands". Bill was appointed to the National Indian Law and Order Commission's Advisory Committee in 2012. He is the current chairman of the Indian Country Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), and a member of IACP's board of directors. In 2014, he was appointed by the Director of the FBI to the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) Advisory Policy Board and also chairs that Board's Tribal Task Force where he still currently serves. Bill received his formal law enforcement training at the San Diego Regional Law Enforcement Training Center and advanced training through the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.



### **HOWARD ARNETT**

*Of Counsel, Karnopp Petersen LLP*

Howard joined Karnopp Petersen in 1980, after working as a legal services attorney on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona following law school. He has concentrated his practice in the area of Federal Indian law, especially with representation of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon as well as other tribes, on matters involving treaty rights, tribal sovereignty, tribal law development, government-to-government relations, and gaming. Howard has additional expertise in civil litigation and appellate practice.



### **WILL HANEY**

*CILA President, Moderator*

Will is a Staff Attorney for the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. His practice areas include Tribal governance, economic development, real estate, environmental law, and the protection and promotion of Tribal sovereignty. Will is a graduate of UCLA Law and an enrolled member of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.



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3:15 - 4:15 PM

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## LAUREN VAN SCHILFGAARDE

*Tribal Law Specialist, Tribal Law and Policy Institute*

Lauren van Schilfgaarde is Cochiti Pueblo and serves as TLPI's Tribal Law Specialist, facilitating technical assistance to tribal courts, and researching legal and policy issues as they face tribal governance and sovereignty. Lauren additionally serves as Professor for the Tribal Legal Development Clinic at the UCLA School of Law. Lauren is licensed in the State of California, and currently serves on the board of the National Native American Bar Association, the American Bar Association's Native American Concerns Committee, and the American Bar Association's Tribal Courts Council. Lauren previously served on the board of the California Indian Law Association.



## DWIGHT LOMAYESVA

*Director of Tribal Learning Community & Educational Exchange at the  
UCLA School of Law*

Dwight K. Lomayesva (Hopi Tribe) serves as the Director of Tribal Learning Community & Educational Exchange at the UCLA School of Law. He came to UCLA after serving as the Executive Director and Co-founder of the American Indian Recruitment Programs, a non-profit organization that serves underprivileged American Indians within education. His work within both programs has led the development of an academic program that merged both culture and academic understanding to promote educational success within secondary instruction. Dwight earned his Bachelor of Arts degree, within Political Science, at San Diego State University and earned his Juris Doctorate from Western Sierra School of Law.



## COURTNEY COLE

*CILA Board Member, Moderator*

Courtney Cole (Cherokee and Choctaw) is a law clerk with the Intertribal Court of Southern California. She is a graduate of the University of Colorado Law School. Ms. Cole is also a member of the board of directors of the Native American Lawyers Association of San Diego County.

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