

## Navajo Nation Law CLE Conference Friday, October 25, 2024

Indian Legal Program / Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law / Arizona State  
University Beus Center for Law and Society, Room 240  
111 E. Taylor Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004

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- Navajo Nation Bar Association has approved this conference for 8 Navajo Law credits and 2 Navajo Ethics credits.
- New Mexico MCLE has approved this conference for 6 general credits and 2 Ethics credits.
- State Bar of Arizona does not approve CLE activities; however, this activity may qualify for up to 8 credit hours, including 2 credit hours for Professional Responsibility.

### AGENDA

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- 7:00 – 7:45 am      **Check-In & Breakfast** for attendees
- 7:45 – 8:00 am      **Welcome from the Indian Legal Program**  
Kate Rosier, Executive Director, Indian Legal Program
- 8:00 – 9:30 am      **Planning the Future of Navajo Legal Education: Ethics, Professional Responsibility and Closing the Access to Justice Gap** (1.5 hours/1 hour ethics)  
Stacy Leeds, Willard H. Pedrick Dean, Regents and Foundation Professor of Law, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law  
Patrick Blackwater, Dean of Diné College  
Heather Clah, Navajo Nation Deputy Attorney General
- 9:30 – 9:40 am      **Break: 10-minutes.**
- 9:40 – 11:10 pm      **Navajo Nation Water Rights Settlement** (1.5 hours)  
Bidtah Becker, Chief Legal Counsel to Navajo Nation President  
Judith Dworkin, Attorney at Sacks Tierney P.A.  
Ethel Branch, Attorney General of the Navajo Nation

- 11:10 – 11:30 pm      **Lunch Break:**
- 11:30 – 12:30 pm      **Navajo Law/Indian Law Legal Research (1 hour)**  
Beth DiFelice, Assistant Dean, Director of the Law Library, and Professor of Practice at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law  
Tara Mospan, Associate Director + Librarian, Law Library, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
- 12:30 – 1:30 pm      **638 Contracts on the Navajo Nation (1 hour)**  
Michelle Begay Nakai, Principal Attorney in the Human Services and Government Unit of the Navajo Nation Department of Justice  
Derrick Beetso, Director, Indian Gaming and Tribal Self-Governance programs, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University  
Rhonda Tunj, Contract Attorney, Law Office of Steven C. Boos
- 1:30 – 2:30 pm      **Corporate Governance on the Navajo Nation: Key Issues, Case Studies, and Best Practices (1 hour)**  
Rodgerick Begay, Assistant Attorney General, Navajo Nation Department of Justice  
Paul Frye, Attorney at Frye Consulting  
Brian Lewis, Attorney at Drummond Woodsum
- 2:30 – 2:40 pm      **Break: 10-minutes.**
- 2:40 – 3:40 pm      **Election 2024: Navajo and the Native Vote (1 hour)**  
Patty Ferguson-Bohnee, Associate Dean for Inclusive Excellence, Charles M. Brewer Professor of Trial Advocacy; Faculty Director, Indian Legal Program and Director, Indian Legal Clinic, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law  
Katherine Belzowski, The Assistant Attorney General for the Economic Community Development Unit (ECDU)
- 3:40 – 4:40 pm      **Navajo Fundamental Law in employment Law Context (1 hour ethics)**  
Paul Spruhan, Visiting Assistant Professor, University of New Mexico School of Law  
Rodgerick Begay, Assistant Attorney General, Navajo Nation Department of Justice
- 4:40 pm      **Adjourned**