

National Intertribal Tax Alliance 21st Annual Tax Conference Agenda

Pre-Conference Activities - Tuesday, August 13th

9:00am-3:00pm **SPECIAL TRAINING SESSION – BUILDING A SUCCESSFUL TRIBAL INVESTMENT CLIMATE**

Moderator: Bruce Zimmerman, Tax Administrator, Umatilla Indian Reservation

Speakers: A special training workshop for Tribal leaders and Tribal tax administrators provided by the Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics (includes catered lunch; additional registration fee applies)

5:30-6:30pm **Conference Pre-Registration**

6:00-7:30pm **Welcome Reception**

Day 1 – Wednesday, August 14th

7:30-8:00am **REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

8:00-8:30am **WELCOME AND OPENING ACTIVITIES**

Honor Song and Opening Prayer – [TBD]

Welcome and Opening Remarks – Mary Mashunkashey, NITA Chair, Executive Director, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Business Corporate & Regulatory Commission

8:30-9:00am **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Speaker: [Rep. Deb Haaland, invited]

9:00-10:00am **General Session 1 – LITIGATION UPDATE**

Moderator: Brenda J. Bellonger, SWO Tax Director/Attorney, Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe

Speaker: Rob Roy Smith, Partner, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP

10:00-10:15am **BREAK**

10:15-11:15am **General Session 2 – FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

Moderator: Ken Parsons, Partner, Holland & Knight

Speakers: Derrick Beetso, General Counsel, National Congress of American Indians

11:15am-Noon	General Session 3 -- IRS UPDATE
Moderator:	Wendy Pearson , Of Counsel, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP
Speakers:	Christie Jacobs , Director, IRS Indian Tribal Governments/Tax Exempt Bonds Division; Telly J. Meier , Field Operations Manager, IRS Indian Tribal Governments/Tax Exempt Bonds Division
12:00-1:15pm	CATERED LUNCH
1:15-2:30pm	General Session 4 – GAMING TAX & AUDIT ISSUES
Moderator:	Kelly Croman , General Counsel, Marine View Ventures, Inc.
Speakers:	Jonodev Osceola Chaudhuri , Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission; Jill Kelley , General Counsel, Pointsbet USA, Inc.; Wendy Pearson , Of Counsel, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP
2:30-3:45pm	General Session 5 – WORKING EFFECTIVELY WITH STATE & LOCAL TAX AGENCIES
Moderator:	Kara Briggs , Tribal Liaison, Washington State Department of Revenue
Speakers:	Joshuah Marshall , Senior Policy Analyst/State Fiscal Policy, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities; Chris Deschene , Deschene LLC; David Flute , Secretary of Tribal Relations, State of South Dakota
3:45-4:00pm	BREAK
4:00-5:15pm	Breakout Sessions – A, B or C
	Breakout Session A – OPPORTUNITY ZONES
Moderator:	Kathleen Nilles , NITA Board Member Emeritus
Speakers:	Lacey Horn , Treasurer, Cherokee Nation; Telly J. Meier , Field Operations Manager, IRS Indian Tribal Governments/Tax Exempt Bonds Division
	Breakout Session B – GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT RELATIONS – CREATING STABILITY FOR TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Moderator:	James Rivera , Chairman, Pueblo of Pojoaque Tax Commission
Speakers:	Dennis Wanya , PTAC Chairperson / Tax Administrator, Acoma Pueblo; Carolyn Abeita , Partner, VanAmberg, Rogers, Yepa, Abeita & Gomez
	Breakout Session C – TERO FOR TAX COMMISSIONERS
Moderator:	Mary Mashunkashey , NITA Chair, Executive Director, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Business Corporate & Regulatory Commission
Speakers:	Kelcey Packineau , MHA TERO Special Projects & Commission Liaison, Charles Foote , MHA TERO Director, Mary Mashunkashey , NITA Chair, Executive Director, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Business Corporate & Regulatory Commission
6:00-8:00pm	BANQUET & CULTURAL PERFORMANCE

Day 2 – Thursday, August 15th

7:30-8:00am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:00-8:15am OPENING REMARKS

Speaker: **Mary Mashunkashey**, NITA Chair, Executive Director, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Business Corporate & Regulatory Commission

8:15-9:30am **General Session 6 – SALES TAX AND OTHER DOUBLE TAXATION ISSUES**

Moderator: **Bruce Zimmerman**, Tax Administrator, Umatilla Indian Reservation

Speakers: **Adam Weintraub**, Partner, Savage O'Donnell Affeldt Weintraub & Johnson (*Creek Nation case*); **Rob Roy Smith**, Partner, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP (*Agua Caliente case*); **Mathew L. Harrington**, Shareholder, Stokes Lawrence, P.S. (*Cougar Den case*)

9:30-10:15am **General Session 7 – CANNABIS ISSUES UPDATE**

Moderator: **Aubrey Seffernick**, Partner, Miller Nash Graham & Dunn

Speakers: **Christine Masse**, Partner, Miller Nash Graham & Dunn

10:15-10:30am BREAK

10:30-11:30am **General Session 8 – ERISA ISSUES FOR TRIBES**

Moderator: **Dale White**, General Counsel, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

Speakers: **Catherine Langford**, Partner, Yoder & Langford, P.C.; **Wendy Pearson**, Of Counsel, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP

11:30am-12:30pm **General Session 9 – GAMING REVENUE DISTRIBUTIONS TO MINORS AND STUDENTS (KIDDIE TAX)**

Moderator: **Wendy Pearson**, Of Counsel, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP

Speakers: **Mary Streitz**, Partner, Dorsey & Whitney LLP; **Ken Parsons**, Partner, Holland & Knight

12:30-1:30pm LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:30-2:00pm **General Session 10 – UPDATE FROM THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL TRUSTEE**

Moderator: **Sharon Swepston**, Tax Administrator, Cherokee Tribe of Oklahoma

Speaker: **Pamela Jurgensen**, Director, Trust Fund Investments, U.S. Department of the Interior

2:00-2:45pm **General Session 11 – DEVELOPING THE RECORD IN LOWER COURT PROCEEDINGS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR CHANCES ON APPEAL**

Moderator: **Bruce Zimmerman**, Tax Administrator, Umatilla Indian Reservation

Speaker: **Michael Walch**, Attorney, Kirton McConkie

2:45-3:15pm CLOSING PRAYER AND WRAP UP



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