

Judicial Advisors

Honorable Abby Abinanti, *Yurok, Chief Judge, Yurok Tribal Court*
Honorable Richard Blake, *Hoopa Tribe, Chief Judge Hoopa Tribal Court*
Honorable Kevin Briscoe, *Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, MBCI Supreme Court*
Honorable Leonard Edwards, *(Ret), Mentor, Consultant*
Honorable Cheryl Fairbanks, *Tlingit & Haida Indians of Alaska Central Council Appellate Court*
Honorable Anita Fineday, *White Earth, Casey Family Programs*
Honorable Joyce Hinrichs, *Superior Court of Humboldt County*
Honorable Lawrence King, *Morongo Band of Mission Indians Tribal Court*
Honorable David Katz, *National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges*
Honorable Anne McKeig, *Ojibwa, Minnesota Judicial Center Supreme Court*
Honorable Brett Lee Shelton, *Oglala Sioux Tribe, Hoopa Valley Court of Appeals*
Honorable Sheldon Spotted Elk, *Northern Cheyenne, Ute Indian Tribe Court of Appeals*
Honorable Christine Williams, *Yurok, Chief Judge, Wilton Rancheria Tribal Court*
Honorable Joseph Wiseman, *San Manuel Tribal Court*

Honored Guests

Honorable Jerilyn Borack, *Superior Court of Sacramento County*
Honorable Lisa Lang, *Haida, Tlingit & Haida Indians of Alaska Central Council Appellate Court*
Honorable Kristina Lindquist, *Superior Court of Sacramento County*
Honorable Nicholas Mazanec, *Chief Judge, Trinidad Rancheria Tribal Court*
Honorable Shama Mesiwala, *Superior Court of Sacramento*
Honorable Ann Moorman, *Superior Court of Mendocino County*
Honorable Mary J. Norris, *Chairwoman, Cahto Tribe of the Laytonville Rancheria*
Honorable Jesus Tarango, *Chair, Wilton Rancheria*
Mary Tarango, *Wilton Rancheria*
Merri Lopez-Keifer, *San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians, Director, Office of Native American Affairs*
Charlene Storr, *Tolowa / Maidu*
Stephanie Weldon, *Yurok, Director, Office of Tribal Affairs*

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The 4th Annual Judges' Dinner Program for Northern California



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Honoring the History of Indigenous People
in Northern California

Friday, December 16th, 2022

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Pre-recorded Partner Updates
Judicial Council of California
Northern Training Academy
Tribal Justice Collaborative
Child & Family Policy Institute of California
California Dept. of Social Services
Statewide ICWA Plan
Office of Youth and Community Restoration
ICWA Courts
Court Improvement, Children's Bureau



Event Schedule

Reception
3pm - 4pm

Dinner Program
4pm – 7pm

Welcome & Introductions
Hon. Christine Williams

Opening Blessing
Mary Tarango, Wilton Rancheria

Partner Updates
Native American Rights Fund (*Hon. Brett Shelton*)
Spirit of ICWA (*Charlene Storr*)
ICWA Courts (*Hon. Sheldon Spotted Elk*)
Office of Tribal Affairs (*Stephanie Weldon*)

Regional Judicial Updates
Hon. Christine Williams, Hon. Joseph Wiseman, Hon. Joyce Hinrichs, Hon. Abby Abinanti, Hon. Richard Blake

Report of Judicial Initiatives
Hon. Kristina Lindquist, Hon. Shama Mesiwala

Honoring Champions

Dinner Break

Review of Current & Critical Events
ICWA Overview & Case Law Updates
Backeen v Haaland (*Hon. Leonard Edwards, Hon. Joseph Wiseman*)
Office of Youth & Community Restoration (*Hon. Katherine Lucero*)
VAWA/MMIWP (*Merri Lopez-Keifer*)

Closing Blessing

