



# THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION DISTRICT COURT



*Presents the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual*

## ***“DOING BUSINESS IN INDIAN COUNTRY: 200 Years of Creek Legal History”*** *Continuing Legal Education*

**River Spirit Events Center**

**May 15-16, 2014**

**8330 Riverside Pkwy  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136**

**Moderators:** **Hon. Gregory H. Bigler, BS, JD, LL.M** - District Court Judge, Muscogee (Creek) Nation  
**Jasen Chadwick, JD** – Staff Attorney, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court

**Presenters:** **Steve Hager, JD** – Director of Litigation, Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS)  
**Mekko (Chief) Robert Yargee** – Alabama Ceremonial Ground  
**Kevin Dellinger, JD** – Assistant Attorney General, Muscogee (Creek) Nation  
**Prof. Stacy Leeds** – Dean, University of Arkansas, School of Law  
**Prof. Rebecca Tsosie** – Arizona State University, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law  
**Hon. George Thompson** – Vice Chief Justice, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court & Mekko  
(Chief) of Hickory Ceremonial Ground  
**Chia Halpern Beetso, JD** – Tribal Law & Policy Institute  
**Prof. William Rice** – University of Tulsa, College of Law  
**Shannon Prescott, JD** – McKenna & Prescott  
**Hon. Phil Lujan** – Chief District Judge, Citizen Potawatomi Nation  
**Travis Pickens, JD** – Oklahoma Bar Association, Ethics Counsel

### **COURSE OUTLINE - DAY ONE**

#### **May 15, 2014**

7:45 am	Registration and Breakfast
8:40 am	Opening Ceremony
8:45 am	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> – Hon. Gregory H. Bigler
9:00 am – 9:50 am	<b>Current Developments in Federal (and State) Cases</b> – Steve Hager
10:00 am – 10:50 am	<b>Creek Tribal Towns &amp; Traditional Muscogee (Creek) Law</b> – Mekko (Chief) Robert Yargee
11:00 am – 11:50 am	<b>Muscogee (Creek) Constitutional Structure &amp; Cases</b> – Kevin Dellinger
11:50 am – 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b> – Visions Buffet
1:10 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>The Allotment Era, the State of Sequoyah and Oklahoma</b> – Prof. Stacy Leeds
2:10 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Cultural Heritage, Human Rights, and the Significance of Treaties in Contemporary Context</b> – Prof. Rebecca Tsosie
3:10 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>Maintaining Traditional Processes in Contemporary Mvskoke Jurisprudence</b> – Hon. George Thompson & Jasen Chadwick
4:00 pm	<b>Question &amp; Answer Session and Evaluations of Day 1</b> – All Presenters

**COURSE OUTLINE - DAY TWO**

**May 16, 2014**

- 7:45 am **Registration and Breakfast**
- 8:45 am **Opening Remarks** – Hon. Gregory H. Bigler
- 8:55 am – 9:45 am **VAWA Special Criminal Jurisdiction, Tribal Law and Order Act & the Indian Law and Order Commission** – Chia Halpern Beetso
- 9:55 am – 10:45 am **Current Congressional Developments**
- 10:55 am – 11:45 am **The Resurrection of Tribal Courts in Oklahoma, 1978 to Present** – Prof. William Rice
- 11:45 am – 1:00 pm **Lunch** – Visions Buffet
- 1:10 pm – 2:00 pm **Juvenile Court and Representation at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation** – Shannon Prescott
- 2:10 pm – 3:00 pm **Communication in the Tribal Courtroom: What Were You Thinking?** – Hon. Phil Lujan
- 3:10 pm – 4:00 pm **Cultural Values as an Ethical Requirement** – Travis Pickens
- 4:00 pm **Question & Answer Session and Evaluations of Day 2** – All Presenters
- Adjourn**

**Registration Fee (two days): \$225.00**  
**On Site Registration: \$250.00**  
**Single Day Rate: \$150.00**

*This course has been approved by the Oklahoma Bar Association Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Commission for 12 hours of CLE Credit, including 1 hour of legal ethics credit.*

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**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**2014 “DOING BUSINESS IN INDIAN COUNTRY”**

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