



# The New Mexico Tribal-State Judicial Consortium

**STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS, FOSTERING  
COMMUNICATIONS**

**Quarterly Meeting**

**July 8, 2016**

**Metropolitan Court – Conference Room 849**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Start Time: 9:21am**

Attendees: Angela Peinado (AOC), Judge Monica Zamora (NMCOA), Judge William Johnson (Acoma), Justice Barbara Vigil (NMSC), Judge Randy Collins (Acoma), Judge Mekko Miller (San Felipe/San Ildelfonso), Judge Vincent Knight (Isleta), Bernice Talachy (Pojoaque), Samuel Crowfoot (Zuni), Veronica Hill (Assistant DA), David Adams (DOJ), Judge Livingston (Navajo Nation), Judge Geoffrey Tager (Ohkay Owingeh), Judge Maria Dominguez (Metro Court), Judge Jim Wechsler (NMCOA), Judge Briana Zamora (2<sup>nd</sup> JDC), Judge Bill Parnall (2<sup>nd</sup> JDC), Chief Judge Alaniz (Metro Court), Donalyn Sarracino (ICWA Consortium), Beth Gillia (CWCCFJ/UNM Law), Arika Sanchez (NMCAN), Judge Kim McGinnis (Pojoaque), Judge Toledo (Jemez), Judge Renee Torres (Zia), Judge Eisenberg (Taos), Judge Bruce Fox (Laguna), Patricia Galindo (AOC), Kevin Hammar (CU Assoc), Dorothy Waisanen (Navajo Nation), Kathleen Pacheco (Santo Domingo), Regina Roanhorse (Navajo Nation)

**Moment of silence taken to honor those that lost their lives in Dallas.**

**Approval/Change of Agenda by Judge Collins and Judge Parnall; all approved**

**Welcome, Invocation, Introduction, and Announcements**

**Action Items: Meeting Minutes from April 2016; approved**

**New Business/Recent Developments:**

- Casey Family Programs brought together CYFD, NM Courts, and the ICWA Consortium. Information was provided on what the group gathered regarding data and training.
  - Judge Johnson sent an inquiry to tribal judges but did not get any responses, but if there is information available, please send to him.
  - Donalyn provided information about Qualified Expert Witnesses (a list should be given soon)
  - Need to focus on training for new Judges of general jurisdiction. CASA can also assist. Judge McGinnis discussed Buffalo Training and will provide information to be distributed. Donalyn also has information she will send regarding the new Regulation Training.
- Highlights from Tribal-State Forum in Los Angeles (Judge Zamora, Judge Johnson, Angela); received a lot of information on different initiatives.

- State Services report (Collins). Model orders with Rule Commission pending action.
- Motion to Co-Sponsor conference (Davis, Wechsler).
- Sharing of wellness court information around the state. Judge Fox will see what can be done to move efforts forward.
- BIA Regulations re: ICWA Info on next steps. New regulations will take effect in December. Judge Zamora is trying to set up a roundtable discussion about ICWA (August 12, 2016).
- Approval to add Mr. Kevin Hammer from the Credit Union Association (Wechler/Knight). Credit Union concerns discussed regarding Probate Court. Full Faith and Credit can look into.

### **Focus for the Consortium in FY 17:**

- Data and Training Info collected (from above)
- Online PowerPoint Presentation (will receive disc from Forum)
- Welcome to bench for new Judges Packet to include ICWA, Title IVE, Project Passport, Mental Health Orders
- ICWA training for GALs (pending information from Forum)
- Define what is unique to your Tribe; traditions; what would be in the best interests of the child for Tribal Workers and others
- Article in State Bar Bulletin on ICWA and ICWA Consortium
- Form Court Orders for ICWA cases
- Statewide ICWA training
- State and Tribal Court visits
- Rule on Tribes getting notice
- Presentation at Federal Indian Bar Conference
- Tribal Court Council with ABA – San Francisco Conference in August
- ICWA Data and Odyssey Work
- ICWA notices
- Updates to State Statute or Rules

### **Old Business**

- Discussion on revision of the Tribal Law Journal Tribal Court Handbook project (Judge Johnson)


### **Other Business:**

- Budget Sheet – All funds expended for FY16
- Thanks to Metro for hosting and providing both breakfast and lunch!

### **Upcoming Dates:**

 **Tribal-State Meeting: October 14, 2016 (TBD)**

 **Tribal-State Meeting at CLI: January 11, 2017 (Hotel Albuquerque)**

 **CLI: January 11, 2017-January 13, 2017 (Hotel Albuquerque)**

 **Tribal-State Meeting: April 7, 2017 (TBD)**

 **Tribal-State Meeting: July 7, 2017 (TBD)**

 **Tribal-State Meeting: October 6, 2017 (TBD)**