

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

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

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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 – Special Guest Rep. Ruth Buffalo, North Dakota State Legislature
1:15-2:30pm	General Session 4 – GAMING TAX & AUDIT ISSUES
Moderator:	Kelly Croman , General Counsel, Marine View Ventures, Inc.
Speakers:	Jonodev O. Chaudhuri , Indian Law & Policy Chair, Quarles & Brady LLP; 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:	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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