Continuing Legal Education Seminar
American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004 (AIPRA)

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

Land Tenure Center and University of Wisconsin Law School
Room 2260, Law Building, 975 Bascom Mall, Madison, Wisconsin

8:00 a.m.  REGISTRATION
8:30 a.m.  WELCOME
8:45 a.m.  EVENTS LEADING TO PASSAGE OF THE AIPRA
   John Sledd, Attorney, Northwest Justice Project, Seattle, WA
   The AIPRA is the most significant piece of legislation affecting Indian probate in years. What events led to its development, shaped its content and resulted in its passage by Congress?
9:45 a.m.  BREAK
10:00 a.m. AIPRA OVERVIEW
   Moderated by Chief Administrative Law Judge Earl J. Waits, US Department of the Interior, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Arlington, VA
   P. Diane Johnson, Probate Judge, US DOI, OHA, Bismarck, North Dakota
   Patricia McDonald Dan, Administrative Law Judge, US DOI, OHA, Albuquerque, NM
   Richard Monette, Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI
   John Sledd, Attorney, Northwest Justice Project, Seattle, WA
   A distinguished panel provides an overview of AIPRA and their perspective on its implications for Indian tribes and tribal members.
12:00 a.m. LUNCH—on your own
1:30 p.m.  TRIBAL PROBATE CODES
   Ange Aunko Hamilton, Attorney Decision-Maker, US DOI, OHA, Aberdeen, SD
   Diane Zephier, Attorney Decision-Maker, US DOI, OHA, Rapid City, SD
   Speaker Invited, Stockbridge-Munsee Community, Mohican Nation, Bowler, WI
   AIPRA allows trust assets to be probated pursuant to a tribal probate code approved by the Secretary of the Interior. What is required for approval? What does a probate code look like? Would a model probate code be of value to interested parties? What can we learn from a tribe with an approved probate code?
3:30 p.m.  BREAK
3:45 p.m.  IMPLEMENTATION OF AIPRA
   P. Diane Johnson, Probate Judge, US DOI, OHA, Bismarck, ND
   Patricia McDonald Dan, Administrative Law Judge, US DOI, OHA, Albuquerque, NM
   What steps are required by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to implement AIPRA and are those steps being taken? What considerations are there for tribal governments wishing to utilize the provisions of AIPRA?
4:45 p.m.  CLOSING REMARKS
5:00 p.m.  Adjourn
5:30 p.m.  DINNER – provided in Great Hall, Memorial Union, 800 Langdon Street.
   Enjoy an opportunity to review the day and network with other participants.