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WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT TRIBAL COURTS?

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While Federal Indian Law, the law governing federal-tribal relations, has made its way onto an increasing number of state bar exams and Indian law scholarship periodically even is published in leading law reviews, tribal law in some respects remains Indian law's younger sibling. Ten years ago, while a professor at WCL, Nell Jessup Newton, now Dean of Hastings, observed that "the work of tribal courts is little known outside the circle of attorneys practicing before tribal courts on a regular basis and scholars of Indian law."

9:00-9:45am	<u>Registration and Continental Breakfast</u>
9:45 am	<u>Welcome Remarks</u>
10:10-10:45am	<u>Arguing with Tradition: The Language of Law in Hopi Tribal Court</u> <i>Justin Richland</i> , University of California, Irvine
10:45-11:30am	<u>Nevada v. Hicks Ei Doodah: The Navajo Nation Supreme Court's Treaty-based Rejection of Montana on Tribal Lands</u> <i>Paul Spruhan</i> , Clerk for the Navajo Nation Supreme Court
11:30-11:45	<u>Break</u>
11:45-12:30pm	<u>The Conflicting Demands of Establishing Internal and External Legitimacy</u> <i>Melissa Tatum</i> , University of Tulsa College of Law
12:30-1:15pm	<u>Tribal Court Solutions to Emerging Reservation Problems</u> <i>Elizabeth Kronk</i> , University of Montana School of Law
1:15-2:30pm	<u>Lunch</u>
2:30-3:15pm	<u>Tribal Courts: Sovereignty's Full Court Press</u> <i>Carrie Garrow</i> , Syracuse University College of Law
3:15-4pm	<u>Historical Trauma and Tribal Courts: Mental Health Barriers in Native American Representation</u> <i>Ron Whitener</i> , University of Washington School of Law
4-4:45pm	<u>General Discussion</u> <i>Ezra Rosser</i> , American University Washington College of Law

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