# Native American Concerns Committee

# ABA 2015 Annual Meeting Native American-Related Events

**Thursday, July 30, 2015**

* **3:30pm – 5:00pm** Panel Program:

*Select Issues on Indian Law*

**Location:**

Swissotel, Vevey 1, 2nd Floor

**Monday, August 3, 2015**

* ABA House of Delegates

IRR-sponsored resolution: *American Indian/Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence*

**Location:** Hyatt Regency, Gold Level East Tower, Grand Ballroom)

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# About the Section

The ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities- (IRR) established in 1966 -provides leadership within the ABA and the legal profession in protecting and advancing human rights, civil liberties, and social justice. The Section fulfills our role by raising and addressing often complex and difficult civil rights and civil liberties issues in a changing and diverse society and ensuring that protection of individual rights remains a focus of legal and policy decisions.

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# Select ABA Resolutions on Native American Issues

**Recommendation #111A Adopted at the 2015 Mid-Year Meeting** – urges the adoption of all of the recommendations contained in the Indian Law and Order Commission’s November 2013 Report to the President and Congress of the United States, entitled *A Roadmap for Making Native America Safer*, except for the new circuit court provision of Recommendation 1.2.

**Recommendation #111A Adopted at the 2013 Annual Meeting -** urges the full implementation of, and compliance with, the Indian Child Welfare Act (25 U.S.C. §§1901-63).

**Recommendation #301 Adopted at the 2012 Annual Meeting -** urges Congress to strengthen tribal jurisdiction to address crimes of gender-based violence on tribal lands that are committed by non-Indian perpetrators who have specific ties to the tribe, while ensuring that the following due process rights are provided: (1) rights of defendants at least equivalent to the rights set forth in section 234(c) of the Tribal Law and Order Act, Public Law 111-211 or (2) current federal habeas corpus review, (3) and tribal court sentencing limitations; and, urges Congress to strengthen tribal jurisdiction to address crimes of gender-based violence committed on tribal lands in the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act.

 **Recommendation #117A Adopted at the 2008 Annual Meeting -** urges Congress to support quality and accessible justice by ensuring adequate, stable, long-term funding for tribal justice systems.

For a complete list of ABA Resolutions on Native American issues and to view full text of the resolutions, visit the IRR Native American Concerns Committee webpage, which can be accessed through IRR page at: [www.americanbar.org/groups/individual\_rights.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/individual_rights.html)

**Other American Bar Association Entities Working on Native Issues**

Criminal Justice Section – Tribal Lands Committee

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National Conference of Specialized Court Judges – Tribal Courts Committee

Section of Environment, Energy and Resources – Committee on Native American Resources

The Section of Taxation – Indian Tribal Tax Committee

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**ABA Affiliated Organizations**

National Native American Bar Association <http://www.nativeamericanbar.org/>

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***Tribal Bar Members now entitled to Full******ABA Membership***

 Please note that the ABA Constitution was amended in August 2014 to permit Tribal Court Practitioners to be Full Members of the ABA.

**Select ABA Legislative Advocacy**

# Juvenile Justice in Indian County: On July 27, 2015, the ABA submitted a letter to the US Senate Committee on Indian Affairs urging endorsement of the recommendations of the November 2013 Report of the Indian Law and Order Commission on juvenile justice in Indian country.

# Proposed Indian Child Welfare Act Regulations: On May 14, 2015, the ABA filed comments to the Bureau of Indian Affairs on proposed Indian Child Welfare Act Regulations regarding state courts and agencies in Indian child custody proceedings.

# Public Safety in Native Communities: On November 23, 2011, the ABA submitted a letter to the US Senate Committee on Indian Affairs expressing support for S. 1763, the Stand Against Violence and Empower Native Women (SAVE) Act.

# Tribal Law and Order Act:

# On July 17, 2009, the ABA submitted a letter to the US Senate Committee on Indian Affairs expressing appreciation for introducing S. 797, the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2009.

# On July 20, 2010, the ABA submitted a letter to the US House of Representatives urging support for the Senate amendments to H.R. 725, the Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act.

# Funding for Tribal Justice Systems: On February 23, 2009, the ABA submitted letters to the US Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and the US House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources in support of long-term funding for tribal justice systems through reauthorization of the Indian Tribal Justice Technical and Legal Assistance Act of 2000 and the Indian Tribal Justice Act of 1993.

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