

# Symposium Description and Important Information

## Indian Law Clinics and Externship Programs Third Annual Symposium

Interconnections of Law and Poverty  
and Impacts on Indigenous Peoples  
and Other Communities of Color

Sunday, June 7 to Tuesday, June 9, 2009  
Isleta Resort & Casino

**Description:** The Goal of this symposium is to provide a forum where Indian law clinicians, and Indian legal scholars can gather together with community lawyers and poverty lawyers, working with indigenous peoples or other distinct populations, to present and discuss the interconnections of law and poverty for indigenous peoples at the international, National, regional, and Tribal levels – Some questions we have:

- From the War on Poverty to Globalization and Affluenza to the crash of '08-09: What does the economic crisis mean for social justice in indigenous communities and communities of color?
- What is the 2009 picture of “poverty” in Indian Communities?
- What does poverty for Indigenous Peoples in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century look like?
- What are the impacts of economic hard times for different areas of (Indian) law: criminal, family, civil rights, public benefits?
- What can Indian law and other clinics teach to be responsive, and how?

The Symposium is designed to promote solidarity and sharing among Clinics and clinicians working with Native Americans, minority populations, and those working in the areas of poverty law and community lawyering. It is our hope that through sharing we will strengthen existing programs and help emerging programs to succeed; find new solutions to old problems and support creativity in clinics and legal practice.

The Symposium is organized by the University of New Mexico Southwest Indian Law Clinic, Washburn University School of Law, University of Denver Sturm College of Law and Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law in cooperation with the University of New Mexico Tribal law Journal.

The Symposium begins with an Opening Reception and Dinner Sunday night for attendees to meet and greet, and continues on Monday morning with the Roundtable discussion, followed by Symposium panels and presentations on Tuesday. The Roundtable focus will be International Comparative and Critical Perspectives related to poverty and economic justice issues of indigenous peoples.

Registration Fee of \$200 covers the entire two and ½ day symposium, materials and meals, including the Sunday welcoming Reception and working lunches Monday and Tuesday.

An agenda is forthcoming in April.

**Who Should Attend:** Professors, Directors, Clinicians and Staff of **Indian Law, Poverty Law, Economic Justice and Community Lawyering Clinics** and those interested in thoughtful legal work in distinct Communities.

**Hotel :** This year the Symposium will be held at the Pueblo of Isleta's beautiful, new, Isleta Casino & Resort located at the Pueblo just south of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Symposium **Room Rate of \$109** available for reservations made before May 22. Please mention the "Indian Law Clinic Symposium" or Conference Code LAW0609. Register directly with the Hotel, and have your credit card ready to reserve your room.

Web site: [www.isleta-casino.com](http://www.isleta-casino.com)

**Airport Transportation Included!** The Isleta Resort provides airport transportation to and from the hotel. The *Rail Runner*, the local train also has a stop near the resort with hotel transportation provided.

**Other Important Information:** In addition to providing Golf, spa Services, and family fun the **Isleta Eagle Resort and Casino** is located on the New Mexico *Rail Runner* Express stop. *Rail Runner* provides transportation via train to downtown Albuquerque, and a short train ride to visit shops and museums in **Santa Fe**. Explore other nearby attractions by car, such as the **Sandia Peak Tramway** or visit one of the other **19 Indian Pueblos** in New Mexico.

Links to above listed services and points of interest:

<http://www.isletaeagle.com/>

<http://www.nmrailrunner.com/>

<http://www.santafe.org/>

<http://www.sandiapeak.com/>

<http://www.skycity.com/>

NM Tourism link <http://www.newmexico.org/>

## **To Register:**

### **MAIL REGISTRATION FORM TO:**

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Indian Law Program  
UNM School of Law  
MSC11-6070  
Albuquerque NM 87131-0001

### **HOTEL RESERVATIONS:**

Isleta Casino and Resort  
11000 Broadway SE  
Albuquerque, NM 87105-7469  
**For reservations, please call hotel directly**  
1-877-747-5382  
(Conference room rate of \$109 available for reservations before May22; Code - LAW0609)

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