United States v. Sandoval Symposium: One Century Later
at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, October 18-20, 2013

The Law and Indigenous Peoples Program of the University of New Mexico School of Law is sponsoring a symposium called, “United States v. Sandoval: One Century Later,” October 18-20, 2013 at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque.

On October 20, 1913, the United States Supreme Court issued its decision in United States v. Sandoval, a case that addressed whether Congress could prohibit the introduction of intoxicating liquor into Santa Clara Pueblo lands notwithstanding the admission of New Mexico to statehood. The Court validated Congress’s power by virtue of the "Indian" status of the Pueblo people and their homelands, establishing an immensely important precedent asserting broad federal authority in Indian affairs generally.

This symposium highlights three themes tied to Sandoval's legacy: Federal Authority in Indian Country, Indian Identity and Status, and the Rights of Defendants in Tribal Court. An additional related theme, Liquor in Indian Country, will be explored in the associated conference for tribal public defenders and Indian law clinicians, which will interweave with the symposium. This symposium is the third in a series of anniversary symposia commemorating landmark Indian law cases and legislation.

To register, see http://lawschool.unm.edu/events/sandoval-symposium/index.php; for the agenda, see http://lawschool.unm.edu/events/sandoval-symposium/sandoval-symposium-agenda.pdf

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