

# **SPOKANE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION THIRTEENTH ANNUAL INDIAN LAW CONFERENCE**

**Hosts: Spokane County Bar Association Indian Law Section  
and Gonzaga University School of Law**

**Friday, March 11, 2022 – in-person and online**

8:15 - 8:30 am	Registration & Continental Breakfast; virtual conference webinar lines open
8:30 - 8:40 am	<i>Welcome</i> – Juliana Repp, Chairperson, SCBA Indian Law Section Wendy Thompson, Director of Tribal Relations, Gonzaga University
8:40 – 8:45 am	<i>Opening Prayer</i>
8:45 – 10:15 am	<b>Spokane and Upper Snake River Dams, Fish, and Peoples</b> Jerry White, Spokane Riverkeeper Marc Zemel, Smith & Lowney
10:15 - 10:30 am	Break
10:30 - 12:00 pm	<b>Scope of Consensually-Based Tribal Jurisdiction</b> Skip Durocher and Katie Pfeifer, Dorsey & Whitney Jordan Thompson, Confed. Salish & Kootenai Tribes
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Lunch on your own
1:30 – 2:00 pm	<b>Keynote Address</b> <b>Brooke Pinkham, Center for Indian Law and Policy</b> <b>Seattle University School of Law</b>
2:00 - 3:30 pm	<b>Diversifying the Bar</b> Inga Laurent, Professor, Gonzaga University School of Law Dr. Susan Lee, Assistant Dean of Students, Gonzaga University School of Law Diana Singleton, Chief Equity and Justice Officer, WSBA
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Break
3:45 - 4:45 pm	<b>Professional Responsibilities in Contentious Litigation</b> Judge Steve Aycock (ret.) Jeanne Marie Clavere, Professional Responsibility Counsel, WSBA
4:45 pm	<i>Closing Remarks &amp; Adjourn</i> ; SCBA ILS Annual Meeting

**Washington State Bar Ass'n CLE approval pending for 6.0 credits, including 2.50 ethics credit**

To register, please visit <https://www.spokanebar.org/events-calendar/>. CLE registration is \$150, and tax-deductible donations may be made for the SCBA ILS bar scholarship.

## **SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**



**HON. STEVEN D. AYCOCK (RET.)** Steve Aycock is an independent consultant on domestic violence and Tribal law issues and a meeting facilitator. He is also a justice on the Court of Appeals for the Suquamish Tribe. From 1999 to 2008 and again from 2019 to 2021 he served as the Chief Judge of the Colville Tribal Court. From 2008 to 2017, he was the Judge-in-Residence for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. His work at the National Council included making presentations at national, state, and tribal conferences on various domestic violence and tribal issues. While at the National Council, he was one of the technical assistance providers to the Intertribal Training and Technical Assistance Working Group (ITWG) providing assistance to Tribes implementing criminal jurisdiction over non-Indian defendants in domestic violence cases. He is continuing that work as a consultant with the National Congress of American Indians. From 1987 until 2008 he worked for the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. From 1987 to 1999, he was the Director of the Colville Tribal Legal Office where he represented individual members of the Tribes in civil matters. The office specialized in children and elders' advocacy. He has also worked for Evergreen Legal Services in the Pasco, Washington office and as a public defender in Franklin County District and Superior Courts. From 1984-1986 he was a clinical instructor and in 2008 he taught Federal Indian Law at the University of Idaho, College of Law. He is a past board member for the Committee to Aid Abused Women in Reno, Nevada. He has served as a faculty member of the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence. Judge Aycock received his Bachelor's degree in political science from Washington State University in 1977. He graduated from the University of Idaho, College of Law in 1980.



**JEANNE MARIE CLAVERE** is a 1987 graduate of the University of Puget Sound School of Law (now Seattle University School of Law). Prior to earning her law degree she received a Master of Business Administration from DePaul University in Chicago. In February, 2010 she joined the staff of the Washington State Bar Association as Professional Responsibility Counsel. After four years with a Seattle law firm, Jeanne Marie began her solo practice in 1992, focusing on estate planning, elder law (including complex guardianships, trusts, and guardian ad litem appointments), and contract based criminal prosecution. As Professional Responsibility Counsel, Jeanne Marie serves as an advisor to members of the bar on the Rules of Professional Conduct as they apply to WSBA Advisory Ethics Opinions, the Rules for Enforcement of Lawyer Conduct, and the ABA Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanctions. She has been invited to lecture on Professionalism, Civility, and Ethics at all three Washington law schools, for the American Bar Association, and speaks at various local bar CLE's throughout the state. Jeanne Marie is the primary responder on the WSBA Ethics Line and wants every attendee to commit the number to memory and call her first, not after they run into an ethical dilemma.

While in private practice Jeanne Marie appeared before a wide range of courts and tribunals, ranging from Ex Parte hearings to trials on guardianship and criminal issues, and served for many years as a Settlement, Litigation, Adoption, Family Law, Incapacity and Probate Guardian ad Litem in King and Snohomish Counties. Jeanne Marie is Past President of the state Washington Women Lawyers, past Chair of the Washington State Bar Association Elder Law Section and served on the executive committee of the King County Bar Association Guardianship and Elder Law Section. She is a member of the American Bar Association and the ABA's Center for Professional Responsibility, is a Washington Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and is a Master Member of the William L. Dwyer Inn of Court. Jeanne Marie also serves as President Elect of the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations.



**SKIP DUROCHER** Skip is a partner of the firm of Dorsey & Whitney, LLP. His practice focuses on complex civil litigation, with a particular emphasis on the defense of consumer class actions against financial services companies under the Truth in Lending Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, and state unfair practices statutes. He has also handled a wide variety of other complex litigation, including minority shareholder disputes, insurance coverage, business torts, and federal Indian law. Skip is Co-Head of the firm's Minneapolis Office, and Chair of the firm's E-Discovery Practice Group and Co-Chair of its Indian Law Practice Group.

He received his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Marquette University, cum laude in 1983 and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Wisconsin Law School, cum laude, Order of the Coif in 1986.



**INGA N. LAURENT** is a Professor of Law at Gonzaga University, School of Law. Her main area of focus centers on analyzing and re-imagining our current criminal legal system. She returned to the faculty in Fall of 2017 after spending nine months researching restorative justice in Kingston, Jamaica as a Fulbright scholar. In the classroom, Inga's goal is to prepare students for the challenges and opportunities that will be present as they enter the profession, equipping them with tools for honest and critical assessments of our systems and ourselves. Aside from her work with externships, Professor Laurent is engaged in advocating for criminal justice and legal education reform, as she believes we need innovative and equitable models to better address the shifting needs present in our

evolving societies.

Prior to working in academia, Inga worked as a staff attorney with Southeastern Ohio Legal Services (SEOLS) under a grant from the Federal Violence Against Women's Act (VAWA). While at SEOLS, she provided holistic civil legal services to victims of domestic violence. Inga received her J.D. from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and her B.A. from Westminster College. She has been a member of the Gonzaga community since 2010.



**DR. SUSAN LEE** is a higher education administrator with over 20 years of experience in the field. She is currently the Assistant Dean of Students at Gonzaga University School of Law where she has also served as Director of Admissions. Additionally, Dr. Lee has held leadership positions at Scripps College and Eastern Washington University in student services and undergraduate admissions.

Mentoring has always been a huge part of Dr. Lee's career, specifically for students from underrepresented backgrounds. Since 2005, she has presented and helped coordinate a program entitled "Color of Justice". Based in Alaska, it gathers a group of underrepresented and first-generation high school students to understand the possibilities of a college education. In 2009, Dr. Lee also developed a relationship between Gonzaga Law and the Pre-law Summer Institute (PLSI) in Albuquerque—a program specifically for Native American students.

Dr. Lee received her B.A. from Washington State University in 1998 and went on to complete her Ed.M. from WSU in 2000. In 2013, she completed her Ph.D. in Leadership Studies from Gonzaga University. Her area of research focused on peer mentoring for Native American postsecondary students.



**KATIE PFEIFER** represents clients in all types of complex commercial litigation. In addition to her particular focus on construction and health litigation, Katie provides insurance coverage analysis and advice and represents policyholders in coverage disputes and litigation. Her work includes all types of insurance lines, and ranges from assisting clients with assessing which policies may respond to a claim, tendering claims to insurers, reviewing and responding to insurer positions, negotiating with insurers over defense/reimbursement obligations and choice of counsel, coordinating coverage between different policies, and litigating coverage disputes. She also provides insurance review and analysis for commercial contracts and transactions.

Through her work with the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) of the ABA, Katie also serves as a Senior Editor of the CGL Reporter Editorial Board. Written by practicing attorneys, the CGL Reporter, published by IRMI, provides annotations of important coverage decisions from across the nation involving general liability and other business-related policies, and provides commentary on cases and their implications.

Katie graduate from summa cum laude from South Dakota State University where she received her Bachelor's Degree in History and Political Science in 1997 and graduated magna cum laude Order of the Coif from the University of Minnesota Law School where she received her Juris Doctorate in 2000.



**BROOKE PINKHAM**, Niimiipuu, was raised on the homelands of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, and has since lived on the occupied territory of the Duwamish and Coast Salish Tribes. Brooke directs the Center for Indian Law & Policy at Seattle University School of Law. The Center for Indian Law & Policy (Center) provides an emphasis on Indian law, research, programs and projects, including protection of the Indian Child Welfare Act. Prior to Seattle University Ms. Pinkham was a Staff Attorney with the Northwest Justice Project (NJP), WA's only legal aid organization. While at NJP, Ms. Pinkham provided direct representation and advocacy on behalf of tribal members throughout Washington State. Brooke has served on the Boards for the

Washington State Bar Association's Indian Law Section, the Northwest Indian Bar Association, Powerful Voices, Indigenous Peoples' Institute at Seattle University, and is currently board president for Na'ah Illahee Fund – a non-profit organization providing vital services to Native people in the PNW. Brooke is a University of Washington School of Law graduate, and undergraduate. Brooke feels so blessed to have two beautiful boys and a loving husband. They all keep her on her toes.



**DIANA SINGLETON** (she/her) is the Chief Equity and Justice Officer at the Washington State Bar Association, where she provides support and leadership for the Washington State Bar Association's work to advance equity and justice. She leads the Equity and Justice Department who manages the WSBA's public service and diversity, equity and inclusion work and provides support and partnership to the Washington State Access to Justice Board, the Council on Public Defense, the WSBA Diversity Committee, the WSBA Pro Bono and Public Service Committee, the WSBA Equity and Disparity Workgroup and the Minority Bar Association leaders. She previously served as the Director of Seattle University School of Law's Access to Justice Institute (ATJI) which

serves as a bridge between the law school and larger equity and justice community. Prior to joining ATJI, Diana was a staff attorney with the Northwest Justice Project for almost ten years, practicing in the areas of consumer, family, low-wage worker, and public benefits law. Diana serves on the board of Communities Rise which fosters movements to build power in communities impacted by systemic oppression by pursuing cross-sector collaboration and providing capacity-building and legal services for community organizations and small businesses. Diana also serves on the board of JustLead Washington which offers capacity-building services centered on leadership development, race equity and collaboration. She is a proud alumna of Seattle University School of Law, Westmont College, and the Washington Equal Justice Community

## Leadership Academy.



**JORDAN THOMPSON** has been an attorney for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes for seven years and recently became Deputy Executive Director for Special Projects and Planning Division. Prior to that, he was a part-time Adjunct Professor for Gonzaga University where he taught Federal Indian Law (law school) and Legal Environment in Indian Country (business school).

Jordan Received his Bachelors Degree in Political Science from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 2006, his Juris Doctorate from the University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law in 2011, and his Masters of Business Administration with an emphasis in American Indian Entrepreneurship from Gonzaga University in 2018.



**JERRY WHITE, JR.** was born in Corvallis, Oregon near the Willamette River. His family moved to Cheney where he grew up exploring the lakes, rivers and forests of the area. From a young age he was raised by wolves, trout, and herons along the Spokane River where they taught him to fish and hunt. He traveled each spring to fish for native Chinook salmon with his grandfather on the Willamette. Jerry has a long history of working to protect rivers in the Inland Northwest. As a former staff member of Save our Wild Salmon, Jerry advocated for the restoration and protection of native Snake River salmon and steelhead. He has worked for native trout as conservation chair and continues to volunteer for the Spokane Falls Chapter of Trout Unlimited as an Advisory Board Member. He loves to spend time on the Spokane River fly fishing for trout, rowing his drift boat, shooting one of his longbows or backcountry skiing on the very snow that feeds our River. Jerry has two kids and currently lives with his wife within earshot of the Spokane River.



**MARC ZEMEL** represents non-profit organizations and concerned citizens to achieve their goals and hold bad actors accountable. Marc has litigated dozens of Clean Water Act citizen suits and negotiated settlements that have directed millions of dollars to benefit local watersheds, while mitigating pollution across Washington State. In addition to a variety of other environmental statutes, Marc has experience with Washington's Public Records Act and various torts, and has argued before the Washington Court of Appeals. Marc is committed to thinking creatively and strategically to realize his clients' objectives.

Before joining Smith & Lowney in 2011, Marc earned his J.D., cum laude, from Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law where he was also an Associate Editor for the Northwestern University Law Review. Marc earned his undergraduate degree with distinction from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

When not at the office, one can find Marc gardening, writing, exploring the public lands of the Pacific Northwest and/or spending time with his children. Marc also serves as chair of the Litigation Committee for the Washington Chapter of the Sierra Club. E-mail: [marc@smithandlowney.com](mailto:marc@smithandlowney.com)