

38TH ANNUAL ALASKA TRIBAL COURT CONFERENCE

*Traditional Values & Strong Tribes:
Leading Our Justice System*

August 2nd-5th, 2022





RUBY, AK

Tuesday, August 2nd, 2022

8:00-8:30 Breakfast provided

8:30-9:00 Opening Prayer and Introductions- President Brian Ridley, Tanana Chiefs Conference

9:00-9:30 Keynote speaker- Traditional Chief Dr. Rev. Trimble Gilbert

9:30-10:45 Responding to Child Emergencies in the Rural Communities

Reflecting on experiences and village highlights of using traditional values and leadership to keep children safe

Minnie Nicholas, ICWA Coordinator, Kongiganak

Traci McGarry, Program Director for Children and Family Services and the Child Advocacy Center, Kawerak

Carla Dick, Tribal Family Youth Specialist, Minto

10:45-11:00 Break/Door prizes

11:00-12:00 Keeping Children Connected to their Culture through Resource Families and Kinship Care

Recruiting and Retaining Relatives and Tribal members

Donna Folger, Tanana Tribal Family Youth Specialist

Che'ghwsten' Video

12:00-1:30 LUNCH

1:30-3:00 Engaging Parents and Providing Resources to Parents in Temporary Custody Cases to Promote Reunification (Active Efforts)

Lori Markkanen, Developmental Specialist I/II/III, Tanana Chiefs Conference

Michelle Peter, ICWA Advocate, Tanana Chiefs Conference

Verna Solomon, Family Support Specialist, Tanana Chiefs Conference

Nathaniel Snyder, Family Education Services Manager, Resource Center for Families and Parents

3:00-3:15 Break/ Door prizes

3:15-4:00 Government-to-Government Consultation Information

4:00-4:30 Adjourn

Wednesday, August 3rd, 2022

8:00-8:30 **Breakfast provided**

8:30-9:00 **Opening Prayer and Welcoming - Julie Biddle, UAF**

9:00-9:30 **Keynote speaker- Gene Tagaban, Native Wellness Institute**

9:30-10:30 **Current Drug Trends in Alaska**

Investigator Josh Heinbaugh, Alaska State Troopers

10:30-10:45 **Break/Door prizes**

10:45-12:00 **Effects of Drugs/Alcohol on Tribal Members and Communities**

Recognizing substance abuse impacts on current and future generations

Laverne Alexander, Itinerant Behavioral Health Clinician, Tanana Chiefs Conference

Bobby Dorton, Re-Entry Manager, Tanana Chiefs Conference

12:00-1:30 **LUNCH**

1:30-2:30 **Guiding Our Tribal Courts with Traditional Values**

Mike Jackson, Chief Judge, Organized Village of Kake

Darlene Daniel, Tribal Court Clerk, Kongiganak

Brittany Madros, Tribal Government and Justice Division Director, Tanana Chiefs Conference

2:30-2:45 **Break/Door Prizes**

2:45-3:30 **Finding Common Ground: Small Group Discussion**

3:30-4:30 **Traditional Healing Through Modern Self Care**

How to support and implement Wellness

Dr. Elizabeth Fleagle, Elder

Luke Titus, Elder

4:30-4:45 **Adjourn**

Thursday, August 4th, 2022

8:00-8:30 **Breakfast provided**

8:30-9:00 **Opening Prayer and Welcoming**

9:00-9:30 **Key Note- Tami Jerue, Executive Director, Alaska Native Women Resource Center**

9:30-12:00 **“Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization 2022” Round Table Discussion**
Michelle Demmert, Law & Policy Director, Alaska Native Women’s Resource Center

Mike Williams, Chief of Akiak Native Community

Alex Cleghorn Sr., Legal and Policy Director, Alaska Native Justice Center

12:00-1:30 **Lunch on your own**

1:30-4:30 **Tribal Policing in Alaska**

Darrell Hildebrand, Public Safety Manager, Tanana Chiefs Conference

Donna Anthony, Justice Director/Chief of Police for the Chickaloon Native Village

Captain Bruce James, Metlakatla Chief of Police



Friday, August 5th, 2022

8:00-8:30 Breakfast provided

8:30-9:15 Opening and Welcoming Address- Will Mayo, Former Chief/Chairman TCC, Elder of Tanana/Rampart

9:15-9:30 Break

9:30-12:30 Invited Guests

Senator Lisa Murkowski

Senator Dan Sullivan

Deputy Commissioner Clinton Lasley, Family and Community Services

U.S. Attorney S. Lane Tucker, District of Alaska

Tricia Tingle, BIA Tribal Justice Support

Kim Guay, Director of Office of Children's Services

Deputy Attorney General John Skidmore, Criminal Division

12:30-12:45 Closing and Adjourn

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Presenter Biography

Traditional Chief Dr. Rev. Trimble Gilber

Trimble Gilbert is a Gwich'in Athabascan Elder and speaker of Dinjii Zhuh Ginjik, the Gwich'in language. Trimble Gilbert was born in 1935 at a trapping camp 70 miles from Arctic Village, where he currently lives a traditional Athabascan lifestyle. Trimble currently serves as First Traditional Chief of the TCC region, is an Episcopal priest and a renowned fiddle player and music educator who has performed throughout the United States and Canada. In 2016, he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Trimble previously served as Second Traditional Chief of TCC from 2009-2021. He is a culture bearer and a fluent speak of Dinjii Zhuh Ginjik, the Gwich'in language.

Minnie Nicholas

ICWA Coordinator, Kongiganak

Traci McGarry

Traci McGarry has dedicated both her professional and personal life to preventing child abuse and neglect and advocating for changes that improve the lives of Alaska's children and families. Traci moved to Alaska in 2010 and was a school counselor for Bering Strait School District. She started her job at Kawerak in 2012 as Program Director for Children and Family Services and the Child Advocacy Center. Since then, Traci has been active with the Alaska Children's Alliance, elected Northern Co-Chair for the Tribal State Collaboration Group, and Co-Lead for the Alaska Tribal Child Welfare Compact. Traci is committed to collaborating with local, state, and nationwide entities to improve and expand services offered to Alaska's children and families. Outside of work, Traci is a member of the Nome Public Safety Commission and a community DJ for KNOM. She enjoys traveling and reading and reading about traveling.

Carla Dick

Carla Dick, born and raised in Minto, AK. Married to Arland Dick of Tanana. Carla has 7 children, two school age children currently still at home. Carla was elected to the Minto Tribal Court in 1997 and served as judge for almost twelve years. October 5, 2020, Carla accepted the position as Tribal Family Youth Specialist for the Native Village of Minto. Since 2020, the Minto Tribal Court has been active with up to 21 CINA cases, 15 active cases, 4 reunifications, 2 guardianships and 5 adoptions. Minto Tribal Court has recently signed a Civil Diversion Agreement with the State of Alaska and will be actively involved in sentencing recommendations and transferring some misdemeanor cases from state to tribal court.

Nathaniel Snyder

Family Education Services Manager, Resource Center for Families and Parents

Michelle Peter

ICWA Advocate, Tanana Chiefs Conference

Verna Solomon

Family Support Specialist, Tanana Chiefs Conference

Donna Folger

Donna May Swenson Folger
Mother: Pinky Swenson, daughter of John R & Clara Swenson
Dad: Roy Folger – son of Johnny & Jessie Folger
Bio-dad: Husky Starr – son of John & Belina Starr
Kids: Late John Roy Folger and daughter Dayna Rose Folger
Grandchildren: Fayleen Peters/Wiehl and Lance Folger
Auntie to lots of children and Great Aunty to even more. She has been "holding down the fort" for 20+ years for Tanana Tribe, working for Tanana Tribal kids and families for a long time.

Brittany Madros

Brittany Madros is originally from Leavenworth, WA. As a young teen she moved to Nulato, Alaska, and never left. She was pretty much adopted by the village. She attended school and graduated in Nulato. She married her high school sweetheart, Henry Madros, Sr. during

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the fire in Nulato in July 2015. They share 2 sons and 1 daughter; all Nulato tribal members. Brittany worked for the Nulato Tribe as Director of Human Services and was also the Tribal Court Clerk for 7+ years. Brittany and her family moved to Fairbanks in 2016, she worked for Fairbanks Native Association for 2+ years before coming to work at TCC. Since August 2018, she is a Tribal Government Specialist within the Tribal Development Dept. She holds a UAF certificate in Rural Human Services and A.A.S. in Human Services. She is currently working on her B.A. in Rural Development and a minor in Tribal Management.

**Gene
Tagaban/Guy
Yaau**

For over 30 years Gene has worked nationally and internationally creating a world in which we want to belong. Gene's passion is mentoring, speaking, performing, facilitation and healing. Gene is a board member and trainer with the Native Wellness Institute. A trainer for ANDVSA, facilitating COMPASS: Choose Respect, a male engagement and mentorship program to end Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Hurt and Harm. Gene has also been featured at storytelling festivals nationally and internationally and is a specialty instructor and honorary uncle with the Wilderness Awareness School. Gene performs with Khu'eex, a Native Funk band based out of Seattle. Gene is always open to share stories, spirit and inspiration with people of all ages. In the words of one participant, "Gene has the ability to make the audience feel safe while holding our hearts in his hands."

**Investigator
Josh
Heinbaugh**

I've been with the Alaska State Troopers for nearly 18.5 years. I went to the DPS Training Academy in Sitka, I completed my Field Training in Palmer. While in Palmer I worked on Patrol and on the Statewide DUI Enforcement Team. In 2006 I transferred to Glennallen and worked Patrol until 2015. In 2015 I transferred to the Trooper's Wildlife Division. In 2018 I transferred to Cordova AWT. In 2020 I moved to Fairbanks and worked in the Troopers Rural Service Unit. In 2021 I transferred to the Statewide Drug Unit. During my time with the Troopers I served as a Child Forensic Interviewer, Breath Alcohol Supervisor, Firearms Instructor, Hunter Ed Instructor, State Pilot, State Vessel Operator, K9 Handler and Crisis Negotiator.

I grew up in the Copper River Basin and enjoyed living in a smaller community. I love spending time with my friends and family, hunting, fishing, trapping and just enjoying the great opportunities Alaska has to offer.

**Laverne
Alexander**

Itinerant Behavioral Health Clinician, TCC

Bobby Dorton

My name is Bobby Dorton. I recently accepted a position with Tanana Chiefs Conference as Reentry Program Manager. I am the father of three and the grandfather of one. I am Athabascan from Northway, a village in the Upper Tanana Region. I enjoy living a subsistence lifestyle. I am an empathic person who loves advocacy, speaking up and being the voice of reentrants and recovering addicts. I have lived experience with prisons and substance misuse. My previous job was providing addiction counseling at the Ralph Perdue Center, a local 3.5 residential treatment center. I love taking vacations to see our nation and meeting people from all walks of life. I enjoy sports, especially watching football and watching live hockey in person. I enjoy walking, hiking and bicycle riding. My greatest success is being a member of the Peer Support Advisory Board and getting peers certified through the Alaska Commission for Behavioral Health that I am now serving as a commissioner on. I am currently serving on the Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and the Alaska Mental Health Board. I have been serving as the community co-chair for the Fairbanks Reentry Coalition for the past two years. Additionally, I have been working with the Reducing Recidivism Conference as a member of the planning committee. I can easily be found talking to the homeless in downtown Fairbanks or hanging out with my church family. I am part of a local support group and can't express the importance of making it to meetings and working the 12 steps. In the beginning of my recovery I was trying to beat the odds, but today I'm working with others to change the odds

Mike Jackson

Home: Kake, Alaska 99830
Married to Edna L. Jackson, 50 years
Edna is a retired Tribal Environmental Science Dir., MFA Degree UoW, BA Degree and BS Degree
Daughter, Dawn Skee Jackson, Exc. Dir. Of the Organized Village of Kake, BA Degree Anthropology from UoW, Graduate Degree in Anthropology from UBC
Two Grandchildren, Shawaan Jackson-Gamble, Jillian Jackson
Mother: Mona K. Jackson, from Old Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, Canada (Haida Nation)
Father: Thomas L. Jackson, from Kake, Alaska (Tlingit Nation)
Tribe: The Organized Village of Kake, IRA Tribe
Clan: Kaach.adi, of Kake, of the Raven Moiety in Tlingit Country
Tribe: Old Village of Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC Canada, I have Tribal Status
Clan Name: ILLJIWAAS, of the Eagle Moiety in Haida Country
Mike A. Jackson
Chief Judge of OVK Tribal Court
Kake Circle Peacemaking Founder
Retired Magistrate Judge, 27 years For the Alaska Court System
2019-Present: Chief Justice of the Organized Village of Kake Tribal (OVK) Court
1990-Present: OVK Director of Transportation
1990-2017: Retired Magistrate Judge for the Alaska Court System at the Kake District Court
1987-Present: Created the OVK Youth Culture Camp, the longest running Youth Culture Camp in Alaska
1998-Present: Created the OVK Tribal Court Circle Peacemaking for Adults and Youth
1993-OVK Tribal Court Circle Peacemaking received one of National High Honors from the JFK School of Gov't from Harvard University's Honoring Nations Program, for Best Practices in Indian Country
2006-Present: Serve on the National Tribal Law and Policy Institute
2004-Present: Serve on the Alaska Tribal Transportation Working Group
2015-Present: Serve on the Native American Rights Fund, Circle Peacemaking Initiative
1990-Present: Keex' Kwaan (Kake) Tribal Historian
2011-Present: Part of the Kake Coalition that Created the Adult Culture Camp
Education:
Grade School to Graduation from the Kake High School
Graduated with an Associate Bachelor of Science Degree at Sheldon Jackson College, Sitka, Alaska
Graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree from the School of Forestry at Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon
Certificate from the National Judicial College at the University of Nevada, Reno
Me and Edna own an Art and Gift Shop: Cedar House. We sell our own artwork, Edna's Traditional Medicine Salves, Soaps, and Creams. I carve Totems, Canoes, Silver, Gold, Ivory and Mother of Peril Shells/Abalone
Our family engages in Customary and Traditional Gathering for our family and others here in Kake. We practice gathering and preserving Fish, Game, Clams, Shellfish, Berries, Bark, and other Medicinal Plants for us and others here in our village. We share what we know at the Youth and Adult Culture Camps each year and with our schools.

Darlene Daniel

Darlene Daniel, of Kongiganak, Alaska. Tribal Court Clerk for the Kongiganak Tribal Court in 2003-2005, and again 2009 until present date. She helped develop the tribal court with the Tribal Court Planner back in 2003. After funding ran out, the tribal court still heard cases on an emergency basis, or as needed to help the children in need or other minor

cases. The Tribal Court Judges volunteered their time and received donations from the Coastal Village Region Fund or other agencies. While working for the tribal court she received an Associate degree for Tribal Management from the University of Alaska. She enjoys subsistence gathering in the summertime such as cutting fish and picking berries for the winter. Darlene is married with two grown daughters and five grandchildren. She comes from a large family of ten with countless relatives near and far.

**Elizabeth
Fleagle**

Fleagle, who was born in 1935 near the village of Alatna, has worked as a mentor and teacher to help connect Western and traditional cultures. She left home at age 16 to attend Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka and train as a licensed nurse practitioner, later working in hospitals in Anchorage and Fairbanks to treat tuberculosis. She was then married to Richard Louis Fleagle and has five children. After leaving nursing, raising a family, and working with the UAF janitorial staff, she has spent her retirement years sharing her wealth of traditional skills with students. Her role as an elder in residence at UAF has helped connect young Alaska Natives with their cultures, providing a bridge between both indigenous knowledge and today's rapidly changing world. She has shared her optimism and enthusiasm at social service conferences throughout the country, helping to mentor others in traditional lifestyles.

Luke Titus

Elder, Minto, AK

Tami Jerue

Hello my name is Tami Truett Jerue. I am the mother of 4 children and 5 grandchildren. I work for the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center as the Executive Director. I have a Bachelor's degree in Social Work and master's work in Community Psychology. My work has been in Indian Child Protection, Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault (DV/SA), and Counseling/Advocacy, Mental Health Counseling, Addictions and many other areas. I have worked mostly in the remote village Anvik for the past 24 years and have recently been splitting my time between Anvik and Fairbanks since my parents are aging and I need to spend more time with them.

**Michelle
Demmert**

Michelle Demmert, Tlingit, Eagle, Kaax'oos.hittaan clan is a current elected delegate for the Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, and their elected Chief Justice for their Supreme Court. She is currently the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Violence Against Women Task Force co-chair. She has worked in various capacities of advancing domestic violence protections for women and children. She holds the position of Law & Policy Consultant for the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center and works to improve local, state and federal laws and policies. She is also the Chief Judge at the Chehalis Tribe and was their Presiding Judge previously for over 10 years, where she assisted with amending their DV code that provided greater protections for women and children, as well as developing a court process that holistically addressed all participants. Judge Demmert has assisted on numerous bench books and pilot projects addressing improvements to domestic violence laws and implementation. Two examples include work with the Northwest Tribal Court Judges' Association's bench book on processing domestic violence cases, establishing a full faith and credit process with the state for registering tribal Orders of Protection and a Department of Justice funded Tribal Prosecutor's Pilot Project and Manual for best practices in this area.

Mike Williams

Michael Williams, Sr. is currently the Chief of the Akiak Native Community (a Federally Recognized Alaskan Tribe), the Chairman of the Yukon Kuskokwim Tribal Broadband Consortium and a 2022 recipient of an honorary Doctor of Law degree from University of Alaska at Fairbanks. His dedication to Tribal rights and sovereignty is illustrated by the numerous prestigious roles he has served over the years, including the 40 plus years on the Akiak Native Community's Tribal Council. Williams also serves as a Yupiit Nation Chief on the Consortium of Federally Recognized Tribes, an Ambassador on the Alaska Tribal

Leaders Summit, and as a Board Member on the Tribal Leaders Forum at Portland State University. Williams' long-term commitment to climate change adaptation and mitigation is exemplified by his international leadership as the Interim President for the First Stewards, as well his regional and national work as the chair of the Kuskokwim River Inter-tribal Fish Commission. Through his past work as a counselor and Iditarod Sled Dog Race competitor, Mike has been a champion for the health and wellbeing of his communities. In addition, Williams formerly held the following positions: Former Board Member, Native American Rights Fund, Former State Board of Education, Former President of the Yupiit Board of Education, and Former President of the Rural Community Action Program. Lastly, he is the loving husband to Maggie, parent to five beautiful children and has 16 grandchildren.

Alex Cleghorn

Alex Cleghorn is of Alutiiq / Sugpiaq descent and a tribal citizen of Tangirnaq Native Village, and a shareholder of Natives of Kodiak, Koniag Incorporated and CIRI. He is a licensed attorney in Alaska, California, and several tribal jurisdictions. His work has focused primarily on representing tribal interests, Tribes and Tribal Organizations

Donna Anthony is the Justice Director/Chief of Police for the Chickaloon Native Village and over see's the Tribal Police Department (TPO's) and the Tribal Court System. She has over 20 years of law enforcement and security experience, which includes being a sworn Police Officer with the Palmer Police Department in Alaska, and a Deputy Sheriff in Ohio. During her time with Palmer, she was a Field Training Officer (FTO) and an investigator assigned to the Alaska State Trooper Statewide Drug Task Force Unit in an undercover capacity. She served as a case officer in several State and Federal cases. She has also worked throughout Alaska with many law enforcement agencies including the U.S. Marshals, DEA, ATF, and FBI.

Donna has extensive training in SWAT, Rapid Response to an Active Shooter, Tactical Vehicle Assault, Tactical Firearms, Hostage Negotiation, Tactical Raid Planning, Undercover Techniques, Tactical Narcotics Techniques, Surveillance Platform Operations, Anti-Terrorism Training, Law Enforcement Prevention & Deterrence of Terrorist Acts, Tactical Operations Planning, FEMA Intermediate for Expanding Incidents, FEMA Advance Incident Command & General Staff-Complex Incidents.

Donna Anthony

In 2014, Donna started a company called Point Blank Firearms & Self Defense Training and travels nationally, teaching firearms and personal safety. She is a Certified NRA Firearms Instructor, a Firearms Training Counselor for USCCA and a Rangemaster with the National Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors Association.

Donna has also been a guest lecturer and has filmed Active Shooter in the Workplace and Two Tactical Tuesdays for the United State Carry Concealed Association. In addition, she has been a guest speaker for The Well-Armed Woman Shooting Chapters and done Podcast video interviews with Alex Lansher Anatomy of a Warrior and with Out of Order with James Keleda-Active Shooter Response.

She is currently on the board for the Woman Police of Alaska, the Alaska Police and Fire Chaplains, and on board for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

Donna has received numerous awards for her work including the National Association of School Resource Officers Award (NASRO), Sherriff's Commendations, Hero's Award, Palmer Chamber of Commerce, Alaska State Troopers (AST) Award for Commendation for

Honorable Service, DEA Award of Appreciation, AST Mat-Su Drug Unit Task Force Award for Dedication, Governors Award from Governor Sean Purnell and the Enrique "Kiki" Camarena (In memory of DEA Agent) Award presented by the Palmer Elks lodge, as well as a lifesaving award for valor.

Bruce James Metlakatla Chief of Police

**Darrell
Hildebrand**

Darrell is from the Native Village of Nulato which is located on the Yukon River in Alaska. He grew up enjoying a subsistence lifestyle alongside of his Grandfather Eddie Hildebrand. After completing high school Darrell left Nulato to pursue bigger and better things. He received his Commercial/Instrument Pilots License while attending college in Anchorage with his wife Edith Hildebrand. Life Changes, the birth of his daughter Shawna, made Darrell change his path before graduating from college and he took a job on the North Slope of Alaska working in the oil fields. After ten years he left the oil field and worked at Fort Knox Gold mine before joining the Alaska Wildlife Troopers in 1998, a job he eventually retired from in 2019. After retirement Darrell was hired by Tanana Chiefs Conference as their VPSO Coordinator, a job he really enjoys since he gets to give back to the communities which supported him throughout his career with the Alaska State Troopers. Darrell and his wife Edith have two children (Shawna and Edward) and nine grandchildren. Darrell and his family currently reside in Fairbanks, AK.

**Sen. Lisa
Murkowski**

Lisa Murkowski is the first "Alaska grown" U.S. Senator. She was born in Ketchikan two years before statehood and raised in Wrangell, Juneau, Fairbanks and Anchorage. Growing up in Southeast, Lisa was profoundly influenced by Tlingit and Haida traditions. In 2011 she was adopted by the Deisheetaan clan, Raven moiety, and given the name 'Aan shaawátk'i.' - "Lady of the Land."

She is widely regarded as one of the Senate's most influential and effective members on Indian policy issues. Senator Murkowski joined the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in 2003 and continues to serve as a senior member. In 2007 Senator Murkowski was elected Ranking Member. Her two year term was among the most productive in the committee's recent history, passing major Indian health, housing and public safety legislation. Today Senator Murkowski chairs the Energy and Natural Resources Committee and also the Interior and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee, which controls funding for the BIA and IHS.

Senator Murkowski holds the NCAI Congressional Leadership Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Indian Health Board. She has also been recognized by the National Urban League for her work on voting rights and by the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

**Sen. Dan
Sullivan**

Dan Sullivan was sworn in as Alaska's eighth United States Senator on January 6, 2015. Sullivan serves on four Senate committees vital to Alaska: the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee; the Armed Services Committee; the Environment and Public Works Committee; and the Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Prior to his election to the U.S. Senate, Sullivan served as Alaska's Attorney General and Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. As Alaska's Attorney General, Sullivan's number one priority was protecting Alaskans, their physical safety, financial well-being, and individual rights – particularly Alaska's most vulnerable. During his tenure he spearheaded a comprehensive statewide strategy – the "Choose Respect" campaign – to combat Alaska's high rates of domestic violence and sexual assault. Under Sullivan's leadership, the Department of Law also undertook an aggressive strategy of initiating and intervening in litigation aimed at halting federal government overreach into the lives of Alaskans and their economy.

Sullivan earned a B.A. in Economics from Harvard University in 1987 and a joint law and Masters of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University in 1993. Dan and his

wife Julie Fate Sullivan were married over 20 years ago in Julie's hometown of Fairbanks, Alaska. They have three teenage daughters: Meghan, Isabella and Laurel.

**Dep Comm.
Clinton Lasley**

Deputy Commissioner, Family and Community Services

Tricia A. Tingle, a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, was selected as the Associate Director of the Tribal Justice Support Directorate, with the Office of Justice Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs in June 2011. Ms. Tingle has practiced law and litigated for over 30 years and focused on Indian Law throughout her career. She has led the Tribal Justice Support Division for 8 years. The office mission is to provide tribal courts appropriate training and technical assistance as well as to provide funding to address identified needs to the approximately 420 tribal courts in the United States.

Prior to being named the Associate Director for the Ms. Tingle served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota from 2003 to 2010, where she prosecuted violent crime cases, including those cases in Indian Country. While serving as an AUSA in Minnesota, Ms. Tingle was the tribal liaison and focused on Domestic Violence and Child Sexual Assault in Indian Country. Prior to becoming an Assistant United States Attorney, Ms. Tingle was a trial attorney with the Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Voting Section from 1994-2000, where she enforced the National Voter Registration Act and sued to create single member districts within Indian Country under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

Ms. Tingle has also served as the Associate Solicitor and Line Attorney for Office of the Solicitor United States Department of the Interior from 2000-2003 and again from 2010 to 2011, respectively.

Tricia Tingle

Presently, Ms. Tingle is the director of the Tribal Justice Support Directorate is one of the few Divisions within the Bureau of Indian Affairs that was created by a Congressional Act. Specifically, the Division is mandated to provide training and technical assistance to all tribal courts, provide funding and mandated to conduct tribal court surveys (assessments) for those tribal courts receiving federal funding pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3601 et seq. The Tribal Justice Support Directorate is committed to being the "agent of change" for tribal courts and works collaboratively with sister agencies, such as the Department of Justice, including the Department of Justice Executive Office of United States Attorneys, Office of Tribal Justice and Bureau of Justice Assistance., As well as ANA from HHS. Ms. Tingle also works with the United States Sentencing Commission, Tribal Working Group. Ms. Tingle's previous tenure at the Department of Justice has assisted in creating collaborative pilots and continued coordination with the Department of Justice.

Ms. Tingle is a licensed attorney in the State of Texas, and is a member of the Texas Bar Association, Oklahoma Indian Bar Association, Native American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Ms. Tingle served as the President of the Native American Bar Association and the Texas Indian Bar Association. She has also been an active member of the Council for Minorities in the Profession in the American Bar Association. In 2016, Ms. Tingle was recognized by the American Bar Association as one of the 4 original Bar Presidents to organize the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color in 1994.



10-Mile Culture Camp. Northway, AK.



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