

Special Discussion Honoring Native American Heritage Month, Webinar

Event

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To celebrate Native American Heritage Month, our Native American Practice is pleased to present a special moderated discussion on Thursday, December 2, with Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr., of Cherokee Nation and Kimberly Cluff, the General Counsel of California Tribal Families Coalition, a pro bono client of the firm. The program will be presented via Zoom on Thursday, December 2, at 8:00 am PST; 10:00 am CST; 11:00 am EST; 4:00 pm GMT. Space is limited. Please email events@jenner.com if you are interested in attending. The panelists will discuss Jenner & Block's ongoing representation of three intervenor tribes (Cherokee, Morongo, and Oneida) in defending the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). ICWA is a fundamental law that protects the best interests of Indian children and families. Co-Chair of the Native American Practice, Partner Charlie Galbraith, will introduce the program. Panelists: Chuck Hoskin, Jr., was elected to serve as the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, the country's largest tribal government with more than 400,000 tribal citizens, in 2019. He previously served as Secretary of State and as a member of the Council of the Cherokee Nation. During his time as Principal Chief, he has increased minimum wage at Cherokee Nation and Cherokee Nation Businesses and secured the largest language investment in the tribe's history to expand Cherokee language education and preservation. He also appointed the tribe's first delegate to the US Congress. He has prioritized health and wellness initiatives, including record investments in behavioral health and addiction treatment. Chief Hoskin has also expanded tribal workforce training programs, protections for natural resources, and early childhood education offerings. He and First Lady January Hoskin have worked together to elevate the voices of women and children on the Cherokee Nation Reservation. Since becoming a member of the California Bar in 1998, Ms. Cluff has worked exclusively in the field of Indian law. Starting as a law clerk and then as an attorney at California Indian Legal Services, Ms. Cluff went into private practice as a partner at Forman & Associates. Ms. Cluff then served as In-House General Counsel for the Morongo Band of Mission Indians before joining California Tribal Families Coalition as the Legal Director and also returning to graduate school at the Goldman School of Public Policy, UC Berkeley. Ms. Cluff's career has always focused on advocating for tribes and native non-profits, including advocacy and litigation connected to tribal economic development, intergovernmental agreements, Indian child and family welfare, strengthening of tribal courts and tribal governance, and development and protection of tribal infrastructure. Ms. Cluff extends her advocacy to state and

federal legislative efforts, for example spearheading the California Tribal Customary Adoption Act and working with lawmakers to secure federal resources for Indian Country. Charles W. Galbraith is Co-Chair of the firm's Native American Law Practice and a partner in the Government Controversies and Public Policy Litigation Practice, and the Government Relations Practice. Drawing on his decade of experience in the federal government as a member of the White House staff, a federal prosecutor and Senate staff, Mr. Galbraith represents tribal governments, businesses and individuals navigating complex and interconnected legal, political and policy challenges. Mr. Galbraith is a citizen of the Navajo Nation. Ambassador Keith Harper is the Chair of the firm's Native American Law Practice. He focuses his practice on Native American affairs, litigation, and international clients from the private and public sectors. From 2014 until 2017, he served as the US Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland. Ambassador Harper is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

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