

## **Connecting Legacies – Collaboration and Innovation with ICWA**

### **Faculty Biographies**

#### **Tim Terry, Jr., Gila River Indian Community**

Tim Terry Jr. was born and raised on the Gila River Indian Reservation. He is from the village of Hashan-Kehk in District 2. Tim is a very prolific artist and he works with many mediums from drawing, painting, and storytelling, to jewelry making, photography, and traditional item creation. Several of his pieces are on display at the popular Wild Horse Pass Resort, and Tim has been the featured artist in museums, books, and magazines including the The Foundered Mule, the Heard Museum and Native Peoples Magazine.

Tim has worked for many years as a traditional counselor, where the use of traditional spiritual practices are used for the counseling and healing of community members in need. Tim makes traditional calendar sticks and will sometimes use them in counseling to offer individuals the opportunity to reflect on what events might have led them to a particular place in life.

When not working as a counselor, Tim spends his time with his wife and his family. He is married to Teresa Terry who works as a pre-school teacher on the Reservation. Together they work hard every day to improve the lives of many people.

#### **Vice Chief Justice John Pelander, Arizona Supreme Court**

##### **Education:**

LL.M. (Master of Laws in Judicial Process) University of Virginia School of Law, 1998  
J.D., with high distinction and Order of the Coif University of Arizona College of Law, 1976  
Executive Editor, Arizona Law Review, 1975-1976  
B.A., cum laude, Wittenberg University, 1973

##### **Judicial Clerkship:**

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Judge Richard H. Chambers, 1976-1977

##### **Professional Experience:**

Justice, Arizona Supreme Court, September 2009 – present  
Judge, Arizona Court of Appeals, Division Two, May 1995 – August 2009  
Chief Judge, July 2004 – June 2009  
Vice Chief Judge, July 1999 – June 2004  
Partner, Slutes, Sakrison, Grant & Pelander, P.C., 1984-1995  
Partner, Slutes, Browning, Sakrison & Grant, P.C., 1981-1984  
Associate and Partner, Slutes, Browning, Zlaket & Sakrison, P.C., 1977-1981

##### **Honors and Awards:**

Citation Award, Wittenberg University, 2010  
Professional Achievement Award, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, 2010  
Distinguished Alumnus Award, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, 2007  
Second Year Law Student Contributing Most to Legal Scholarship, 1975

Outstanding First Year Writer, Arizona Law Review, 1974  
Arizona State Bar Award, 1974 (top exam in course on legal ethics)  
Standard Oil of Ohio Scholarship, Wittenberg University (4 years)  
Alumni Scholarship, Wittenberg University (4 years)

Professional Affiliations and Activities:

Council of Chief Judges of the State Courts of Appeal  
Vice President (2008-2009); Secretary/Treasurer (2007-2008)  
Arizona Judicial Council, 2004-2009  
Arizona Judicial Performance Review Commission, 2000-2007  
Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee, 1997-2004  
Chairman, November 2000 – May 2004  
Arizona Supreme Court CourTools Committee, 2008-present  
Arizona Supreme Court Advisory Rules Committee for Rules of Commission on Judicial Conduct, 2000-2001  
Arizona College of Trial Advocacy, Faculty, 1993-1995, 2007-2009  
American Board of Trial Advocates, 1987-present  
Arizona State Bar Appellate Practice Section, 1995-present  
Executive Council, 1996-1999  
Arizona State Bar Civil Practice and Procedure Committee, 1983-1984  
Morris K. Udall Inn of Court, 2006-2009  
Presenter at many state and county bar association CLE programs  
Moot court judge, University of Arizona College of Law, 1995-present

Publications:

Judicial Performance Review in Arizona: Goals, Practical Effects and Concerns, 30 Ariz. St. L. J. 643 (1998)  
Michigan v. Tucker: A Warning About Miranda, 17 Ariz. L. Rev. 188 (1975)  
Religious Freedom and the Native American Church, 16 Ariz. L. Rev. 554 (1974)  
Prelitigation Investigation, Analysis and Employment of Experts, ch. 2, Arizona Personal Injury Guide (1991)

**Sheri Freemont, Casey Family Programs**

Sheri Freemont (*Turtle Mountain Chippewa/Omaha*) joined Casey Family Programs in April 2015 as the Senior Director for Indian Child Welfare. Before joining Casey, Sheri was the Director of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) Family Advocacy Center and, before that, was the Chief Prosecutor at SRPMIC for more than seven years. She previously served as felony prosecutor in Maricopa County where she was assigned the division that handles child abuse. As Chief Prosecutor in SRPMIC, Sheri devoted a large part of her time working on crimes against children, coordinating projects that focus on improving criminal prosecution practice, training the police department and the Child Protection Team, and developing legislative initiatives to better serve children within Salt River. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Child Crisis Center of Mesa, a nonprofit children's shelter and resource center for families in need where she provides valuable insight regarding tribal children's issues.

**Alfredo Urbino, Pascua Yaqui Tribe**

Alfred Urbina currently serves as the Attorney General of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. Alfredo is a proud member of the Tribe, a veteran of the United States Army, a former Arizona State police officer, and has served as Chief Prosecutor and Deputy Prosecutor for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. Fred obtained his Associates Degree in Law Enforcement, with Honors, from Pima Community College, achieved a Bachelor of Science Degree in the Administration of Criminal Justice from the University of Phoenix, and earned his Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Arizona, Rogers College of Law. In law school, he was awarded a Certificate in Criminal Law and Policy, the Rogers College of Law Academic Achievement Scholarship, the American Indian Graduate Center Scholarship, was recognized as the National Native American Law Student's Association 2L student of the year, and was the recipient of the prestigious Andrew Silverman Community Service Award. Alfredo is a graduate of the 2009 – 2010 State Bar of Arizona's Leadership Institute. He is admitted to practice law in the State of Arizona, the United States District Court of Arizona, and the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Courts.

### **Ryan Ward, Center for Native American Youth**

Ryan Ward is a Senior Program Associate for the Center for Native American Youth at The Aspen Institute. Ryan grew up in Oregon and is an enrolled member of the Cowlitz Tribe of Indians in Washington State. He is a graduate of the University of Washington School of Law where he studied Federal Indian Law and was the Vice President of the Native American Law Students Association.

During law school, Ryan worked at the Oregon Supreme Court and then later at the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) in the Washington, D.C. office. While at NARF, Ryan worked on issues ranging from Indian water rights to fee-to-trust land transactions, and also on NARF's Tribal Supreme Court Project.

Prior to law school, he studied the History of American Indian Policy at Willamette University. While at Willamette, he volunteered at Chemawa Indian School as a mentor/tutor to Native youth from all over the country. Between his undergraduate studies and law school, Ryan worked as a reading instructor at an elementary school in Salem, Oregon and as an AmeriCorps VISTA in Hawaii.

### **Raphael F. Tapia, Jr., Partnership with Native Americans**

Rafael is the Director of Programs for the Partnership with Native Americans. "Quality of life" sums up over twenty five years of experience in human, economic, workforce, and community development. He has served various social services and behavioral health programs, as well as tribal and state government and nonprofit organizations. Throughout his career, Rafael has made an intentional effort to improve quality of life for Native American people, families and communities. Rafael holds an MBA from the Eller College of Management at the University of Arizona, as well as an Economic Development Certificate from the Oklahoma University College of Continuing Education. Rafael is an enrolled member of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe in Arizona.

### **Debbie Manuel, Morning Star Youth**

### **Councilman Robert Stone, Gila River Indian Community**

### **Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, Gila River Indian Community**

Governor Stephen Roe Lewis was raised in Sacaton, "Gu-u-Ki", on the Gila River Indian Community. His parents are Rodney and Willardene Lewis. His paternal grandparents are the late Rev. Roe Blaine and

Sally Lewis. His maternal grandparents are the late Willard and Catherine Pratt. Mr. Lewis has a fifteen-year-old son, Daniel Roe Lewis.

Governor Lewis is proud to have attended school from kindergarten to 8th grade on the Gila River Indian Community. Governor Lewis graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelors of Science and pursued graduate studies at John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Governor Lewis has long been an advocate for Native American issues nationally. In the area of Indian Education, Mr. Lewis was selected to serve as a Board member for the National Indian Education Association (NIEA), and Delegate to the White House Conference on Indian Education. Governor Lewis has served the Community as a Gaming Commissioner for the Gila River Gaming Commission, as a member of the Board of Directors for the Gila River Telecommunications, Inc., and as a member of the Board of Directors for the Gila River Healthcare Corporation.

Governor Lewis was the first Native film curator for the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah and was an Associate Producer for the ground-breaking and critically acclaimed TBS six-part feature documentary, "The Native Americans."

Governor Lewis has worked on numerous political campaigns and organizing projects throughout Indian Country including Native voter organizing and Native voter protection in 2002 and selected as an Arizona delegate and Co-Chairing the Native American Caucus for the 2012 Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Currently Governor Lewis serves on the Board of Directors for the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), the Executive Board for the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) and the Board of Trustee for the Heard Museum of Phoenix.

#### **Professor Barbara Atwood, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law**

Professor Atwood is the Mary Anne Richey Professor of Law Emerita and Director of the Family and Juvenile Law Certificate Program at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law. After graduating from the University of Arizona College of Law in 1976, she clerked for the late Mary Anne Richey, United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, and then worked as a Trial Attorney in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. She taught at the University of Houston Law Center from 1981 to 1986 and returned to Arizona to join the University of Arizona law faculty in 1986. Professor Atwood's scholarship explores topics at the intersection of civil procedure and family law, with a particular focus on issues of voice and representation for marginalized groups. She has spoken at national and international conferences on child representation, child's voice, the Indian Child Welfare Act, and private ordering in family law. Her books include *Children, Tribes, and States: Adoption and Custody Conflicts Over American Indian Children* (2010) and *A Courtroom of Her Own: The Life and Work of Judge Mary Anne Richey* (1998). Professor Atwood was appointed to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in 2006 by then-Governor Janet Napolitano and continues to serve as a Uniform Law Commissioner. She is currently the chair of the Family Law Arbitration Act Drafting Committee for the Uniform Law Commission. Professor Atwood is a Board member of the Arizona Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts and served as president of that group in 2012. In 2013 she was appointed Judge Pro-Tem of the Tohono O'odham Nation.

### **Dawn Williams, Arizona Attorney General's Office**

Dawn received a J.D. from the James E. Rogers College of Law at the University of Arizona in 2000. She has worked for the Office of the Attorney General's Child and Family Protection Division since that time. She began as a trial attorney representing Child Protective Services, and after four years moved to the appeals team. Dawn is currently the Lead Appeals Attorney for the Child and Family Protection Division, representing the Department of Economic Security in various appellate capacities. Ms. Williams is presently Chair of the State Bar Juvenile Law Section.

### **Stephen L. Pevar, American Civil Liberties Union**

Stephen Pevar is a graduate of Princeton University (1968) and the University of Virginia School of Law (1971). From 1971 through 1974, Mr. Pevar was a staff attorney with South Dakota Legal Services on the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation. From 1976 to the present, he has been a National Staff Counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). Mr. Pevar has litigated some two hundred federal cases involving constitutional rights, including cases in more than ten different Federal District Courts, three different U.S. Courts of Appeals, and one case in the U.S. Supreme Court. The areas of his specialty include Indian and Tribal rights, prisoners' rights, free speech of public employees, and the separation of church and state. In addition to his work with the ACLU, Mr. Pevar is the author of *The Rights of Indians and Tribes*. He has litigated a number of cases in the field of Indian rights and has lectured extensively on the subject. Mr. Pevar was an Adjunct Professor at the University of Denver School of Law from 1983 through 1999, where he taught Federal Indian Law, and was an Adjunct Professor at the University of Connecticut School of Law in the spring of 2013, teaching American Indian Law. Mr. Pevar will teach American Indian Law as an adjunct professor in the spring of 2015 at New York University School of Law.

### **Hon. Richard Blake, Hoopa Valley Tribe, National American Indian Court Judges Association**

Richard C. Blake has been the Chief Judge of the Hoopa Valley Tribe since July of 2002. He is a proud member of the Hoopa Valley Tribe. He is also a contractual Judge for the Smith River Rancheria Tribal Court and the Redding Rancheria Tribal Court.

Judge Blake is in his second term as NAICJA 1st Vice President, previously serving two terms as Member at Large for the NAICJA board. He is the Region 2 representative for courts in California, Nevada and Hawaii.

Judge Blake is the founder of the Northern California Tribal Court Coalition, which currently has a membership of five northern California Tribal Courts including Hoopa, Yurok, Smith River, Trinidad Rancheria and Karuk Tribe.

Judge Blake was also appointed to the Blue Ribbon Commission by retired Chief Justice Ronald George and appointed to co-chair the California Tribal-State Forum by California Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye.

### **Hon. Kami Hart, Gila River Indian Community**

### **Hon. Kathleen Quigley, Pima County Superior Court**

Kathleen A. Quigley graduated from University of Arizona Law School in 1986. Ms. Quigley joined the Pima County Attorney's Office in 1987 where she worked as a prosecutor and trial attorney. Among

other assignments she was selected to supervise the Felony Vehicular Offenses Unit at the Pima County Attorney's Office. In September of 2003 she was appointed to the Pima County Juvenile Court Bench as a Hearing Officer/Judge Pro Tem. In April of 2009 she was appointed as a Pima County Juvenile Court Commissioner. She has volunteered to serve on many community, professional and court related committees since 1987. Since 2010 she has served on the NCJFCJ Tribal Leadership Committee and has been appointed to the State, Tribal and Federal Forum ICWA Subcommittee as co-chair. Kathleen was appointed Judge to the Pima County Superior Court by Governor Jan Brewer in 2012 and recently became the Presiding Juvenile for the Pima County Juvenile Court.