#### **OUTLINE**

# RED ROVER, RED ROVER: A CALL FOR COMITY IN LINKING TRIBAL AND STATE LONG-ARM PROVISIONS FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS IN INDIAN COUNTRY Katosha Belvin Nakai

### I. RED ROVER, RED ROVER, HOW DO STATES COME OVER: REVIEWING PERSONAL AND SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

- A. Are Reservations and Trust Lands in State or Out-of-State?
- B. Power Over The Person-Personal Jurisdiction
  - 1. The State is Not the Sovereign over Reserved Indian Lands
  - 2. Differing Sources of Federal Due Process Change the Analysis
    - a. Service of Process
    - b. Long-arm Provisions Generally
- C. Power over the Subject Matter
  - 1. Courts Continually Deny States Civil Authority in Tribal Territory
  - 2. Court Affirms Tribal Civil Jurisdiction Through the Exhaustion Doctrine
    - a. State Encroachment into Territory Allowed but Limited
    - b. Express Grant Requirements Do Not Erase Territorial Boundaries from Reserved Rights
      - Hypothetical #1: Dismissal For Improper Service Of Process
      - Hypothetical #2: Default And Waiver
- D. Tribal Long-arm Statutes
  - 1. Tribal Encroachment into State's Territory Uncertain
  - 2. Continuing Conflict Between Federal and Tribal Court Perspectives

## II. RED ROVER, RED ROVER, THE STATE COMES PLOWING OVER: THE MODERN CASES' CONFLICTING DIRECTIVES IN ARIZONA

- Hypothetical A
- Hypothetical B
- A. State v. Zaman-Arizona's Aggressive Step Toward Erasing Territorial Boundaries
  - 1. The Implications of Zaman and the Denial of Due Process
- B. Let the Games Begin! Nevada v. Hicks Further Perplexes the Puzzle
  - 1. Alleged Off-Reservation Crimes May Lead to Alleged On-Reservation Torts
  - 2. Tribal Attempts to Serve Outside Their Territory
    - a. Lower Federal Courts Find Sufficient Service and Purposeful Availment
    - b. Lacking Symmetry in Tribal/State Notice
  - 3. Creative Tribal Codes Can Bar State Intrusion and Anchor a Tribal Interest to Regulatory Authority

- C. The Supreme Court Sidesteps Service to Shield the State by Collapsing Subject Matter and Personal Jurisdiction Analysis and Criminal and Civil Policy Rationales
  - 1. Despite All Scalia's Dicta, Court Rules on Narrow Grounds of State Immunity
  - 2. Allowing State Officials to Run Rough Shod over Tribal Lands with Immunity Does Not Legitimize Their Conduct
- D. Service in Indian Country After Nevada v. Hicks

### III. RED ROVER, RED ROVER, LET US SIT DOWN AND TALK IT OVER: SOLVING THE PROBLEM IN ARIZONA

- A. Arizona's Recent Rules of Procedure for the Recognition of Tribal Court Judgments Further Compel Long-arm Service
- B. Tribes Will Benefit
  - 1. No Plan Is Perfect-The Tribal Downside
- C. States Will Benefit

#### IV. CONCLUSION

#### **APPENDIX**

Draft Text For Amending Arizona's Service Of Process Rules 4.1 and 4.2