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# National Intertribal Tax Alliance 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Tax Conference Agenda

## Pre-Conference Activities - Tuesday, August 13th

9:00am-3:00pm **SPECIAL TRAINING SESSION – BUILDING A SUCCESSFUL TRIBAL INVESTMENT CLIMATE**

**Moderator:** Bruce Zimmerman, Tax Administrator, Umatilla Indian Reservation

**Speakers:** A special training workshop for Tribal leaders and Tribal tax administrators provided by the Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics (*includes catered lunch; additional registration fee applies*)

5:30-6:30pm **Conference Pre-Registration**

6:00-7:30pm **Welcome Reception**

## Day 1 – Wednesday, August 14th

7:30-8:00am **REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

8:00-8:30am **WELCOME AND OPENING ACTIVITIES**

**Honor Song and Opening Prayer**

**Welcome and Opening Remarks – Mary Mashunkashey**, NITA Chair, Executive Director, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Business Corporate & Regulatory Commission

8:30-9:00am **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**Speaker:** Rep. Deb Haaland (*invited*)

9:00-10:00am **General Session 1 – LITIGATION UPDATE**

**Moderator:** Brenda J. Bellonger, SWO Tax Director/Attorney, Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe

**Speaker:** Rob Roy Smith, Partner, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP

10:00-10:15am **BREAK**

10:15-11:15am **General Session 2 – FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

**Moderator:** Ken Parsons, Partner, Holland & Knight

**Speakers:** Derrick Beetso, General Counsel, National Congress of American Indians (NCAI); Emery Real Bird, Financial Management Policy Specialist, Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA)

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<b>11:15am-Noon</b>	<b>General Session 3 -- IRS UPDATE</b>
<b>Moderator:</b>	<b>Wendy Pearson</b> , Of Counsel, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP
<b>Speakers:</b>	<b>Christie Jacobs</b> , Director, IRS Indian Tribal Governments/Tax Exempt Bonds Division; <b>Telly J. Meier</b> , Field Operations Manager, IRS Indian Tribal Governments/Tax Exempt Bonds Division
<b>12:00-1:15pm</b>	<b>CATERED LUNCH – Special Guest Rep. Ruth Buffalo, North Dakota State Legislature</b>
<b>1:15-2:30pm</b>	<b>General Session 4 – GAMING TAX &amp; AUDIT ISSUES</b>
<b>Moderator:</b>	<b>Kelly Croman</b> , General Counsel, Marine View Ventures, Inc.
<b>Speakers:</b>	<b>Jonodev O. Chaudhuri</b> , Indian Law & Policy Chair, Quarles & Brady LLP; <b>Jill Kelley</b> , General Counsel, Pointsbet USA, Inc.; <b>Wendy Pearson</b> , Of Counsel, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP
<b>2:30-3:45pm</b>	<b>General Session 5 – WORKING EFFECTIVELY WITH STATE &amp; LOCAL TAX AGENCIES</b>
<b>Moderator:</b>	<b>Kara Briggs</b> , Tribal Liaison, Washington State Department of Revenue
<b>Speakers:</b>	<b>Joshuah Marshall</b> , Senior Policy Analyst/State Fiscal Policy, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities; <b>Chris Deschene</b> , Deschene LLC; <b>David Flute</b> , Secretary of Tribal Relations, State of South Dakota
<b>3:45-4:00pm</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>4:00-5:15pm</b>	<b>Breakout Sessions – A, B or C</b>
	<b>Breakout Session A – OPPORTUNITY ZONES</b>
<b>Moderator:</b>	<b>Kathleen Nilles</b> , NITA Board Member Emeritus
<b>Speakers:</b>	<b>Lacey Horn</b> , Treasurer, Cherokee Nation; <b>Telly J. Meier</b> , Field Operations Manager, IRS Indian Tribal Governments/Tax Exempt Bonds Division
	<b>Breakout Session B – GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT RELATIONS – CREATING STABILITY FOR TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>
<b>Moderator:</b>	<b>James Rivera</b> , Chairman, Pueblo of Pojoaque Tax Commission
<b>Speakers:</b>	<b>Carolyn Abeita</b> , Partner, VanAmberg, Rogers, Yepa, Abeita & Gomez
	<b>Breakout Session C – TERO FOR TAX COMMISSIONERS</b>
<b>Moderator:</b>	<b>Mary Mashunkashey</b> , NITA Chair, Executive Director, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Business Corporate & Regulatory Commission
<b>Speakers:</b>	<b>Kelcey Packineau</b> , MHA TERO Special Projects & Commission Liaison, <b>Charles Foote</b> , MHA TERO Director, <b>Mary Mashunkashey</b> , NITA Chair, Executive Director, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Business Corporate & Regulatory Commission
<b>6:00-8:00pm</b>	<b>BANQUET &amp; CULTURAL PERFORMANCE</b>

## Day 2 – Thursday, August 15th

7:30-8:00am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:00-8:15am OPENING REMARKS

**Speaker:** Mary Mashunkashey, NITA Chair, Executive Director, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Business Corporate & Regulatory Commission

8:15-9:30am *General Session 6 – SALES TAX AND OTHER DOUBLE TAXATION ISSUES*

**Moderator:** Bruce Zimmerman, Tax Administrator, Umatilla Indian Reservation

**Speakers:** Adam Weintraub, Partner, Savage O'Donnell Affeldt Weintraub & Johnson (*Creek Nation case*); Rob Roy Smith, Partner, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP (*Agua Caliente case*); Mathew L. Harrington, Shareholder, Stokes Lawrence, P.S. (*Cougar Den case*)

9:30-10:15am *General Session 7 – CANNABIS ISSUES UPDATE*

**Moderator:** Aubrey Seffernick, Partner, Miller Nash Graham & Dunn

**Speakers:** Christine Masse, Partner, Miller Nash Graham & Dunn

10:15-10:30am BREAK

10:30-11:30am *General Session 8 – RETIREMENT ISSUES FOR TRIBAL EMPLOYEES AND COUNCIL MEMBERS*

**Moderator:** Wendy Pearson, Of Counsel, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP

**Speakers:** Catherine Langford, Partner, Yoder & Langford, P.C.; Dale White, General Counsel, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

11:30am-12:30pm *General Session 9 – GAMING REVENUE DISTRIBUTIONS TO MINORS AND STUDENTS (KIDDIE TAX)*

**Moderator:** Wendy Pearson, Of Counsel, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP

**Speakers:** Mary Streitz, Partner, Dorsey & Whitney LLP; Ken Parsons, Partner, Holland & Knight

12:30-1:30pm LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:30-2:00pm *General Session 10 – UPDATE FROM THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL TRUSTEE*

**Moderator:** Sharon Swebston, Tax Administrator, Cherokee Tribe of Oklahoma

**Speaker:** Pamela Jurgensen, Director, Trust Fund Investments, U.S. Department of the Interior

2:00-2:45pm *General Session 11 – DEVELOPING THE RECORD IN LOWER COURT PROCEEDINGS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR CHANCES ON APPEAL*

**Moderator:** Bruce Zimmerman, Tax Administrator, Umatilla Indian Reservation

**Speaker:** Michael Walch, Attorney, Kirton McConkie

2:45-3:15pm CLOSING PRAYER AND WRAP UP

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