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Indian Legal Program Partners with National Congress of American Indians to Produce Educational Podcast

Phoenix, Ariz. – May 17, 2018 – The Indian Legal Program at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University is pleased to announce its new partnership with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) to produce a monthly podcast. ASU Law alum and Senior Counsel at NCAI Derrick Beetso, will work with the Indian Legal Program (ILP) team to produce a free and educational podcast on federal Indian law and policy. Titled “*The Talking Stick: A Native American Law & Policy Podcast presented by NCAI*,” the first podcast is scheduled to launch next month.

ASU Law Professor Patty Ferguson-Bohnee sees this as a strategic partnership that will help promote an understanding of the underlying legal principles and instruments that preserve and promote tribal autonomy and self-determination.

“In the age of social media, we need to participate in platforms that connect communities, and this partnership will help to improve the knowledge gap about tribal communities and their legal status in the United States,” said Ferguson-Bohnee.

“We hope listeners find the productions interesting, timely and are encouraged to learn more through this and other mediums offered by both NCAI and the ILP,” Beetso added.

The NCAI, founded in 1944, is the oldest and largest national organization advocating on behalf of Indian tribes, American Indians and Alaska Natives. The ILP was established in 1988 to provide legal education and generate scholarship in the area of Indian law, and to provide public service to Indian communities.

The ILP trains students to effectively represent Native peoples and promote the understanding of the differences between the legal systems of Indian Nations and state and federal governments. NCAI is proud to partner with the ILP to carry out both organizations’ mission to educate the public on issues affecting Indian Country.

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