

International Recognition Panelists' Bios



Professor James Anaya teaches and writes in the areas of international human rights, constitutional law as well as issues concerning indigenous people. He received his law degree from Harvard Law School and his undergraduate degree from the University of New Mexico. Prior to joining the faculty of the law school at the University of Arizona, he was a special rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous People at the United Nations from 2008 to 2014. He has also lectured in countries worldwide, advising indigenous and other organizations on human rights, and representing indigenous groups from North and Central America in landmark cases before courts and international organizations.

He helped draft the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and was the lead counsel for the indigenous parties in the case of *Awes Tingni v. Nicaragua*, in which the Inter-American Court of Human Rights for the first time upheld indigenous land rights as a matter of international law. As UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, he monitored the human rights conditions of indigenous people worldwide, addressed situations in which their rights were being violated, and promoted practical measures to secure indigenous peoples' rights.



Professor Francis A. Boyle is a scholar in the areas of international law and human rights. He received his law degree from Harvard University as well as a doctorate degree in political science. He is an internationally recognized expert who has served as counsel to Bosnia and Herzegovina and to the Provisional Government of the State of Palestine. In addition, he has been advising Hawaiian independence groups since 1992 and has written and lectured extensively in the United States and abroad on the relationship between international law and politics.

He is also the attorney of record for the Chechen Republic of Ichkeria, conducting its legal affairs on a worldwide basis. He has advised numerous international bodies in the areas of human rights, war crimes and genocide, nuclear policy, and bio-warfare.



Lauri Mälksoo is a professor of International Law at the University of Tartu and is the advisor to the Chancellor of Justice of the Republic of Estonia. He received his law degree with distinction from Humboldt University Berlin. He also received with distinction an internationally recognized postgraduate law degree from Georgetown University. He is a member of several esteemed bodies, including the executive board of the European Society of International Law; the American Society of International Law, the International Law Association, and the Estonian Academic Law Society.

He has lectured and written extensively abroad on International law and politics. His main area of research is in human right law and public international law, particularly the history and theory of international law and the understanding of international law in Russia.



Robert A. Williams is a member of the Lumbee Indian Tribe of North Carolina. He is also the first Oneida Indian Nation Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard Law School. In addition, he is the author of several books, including, *"The American Indian in Western Legal Thought: The Discourses of Conquest,"* which received the Gustavus Meyers Human Rights Center Award as one of the outstanding books published in 1990 on the subject of prejudice in the United States, and *"Linking Arms Together: American Indian Treaty Visions of Law and Peace."* He has also represented tribal groups before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Peoples and served as co-counsel for Floyd Hicks in the United States Supreme Court case, *Nevada v. Hicks* (2001 term).

He has also served as Chief Justice for the Court of Appeals, Pascua Yaqui Indian Reservation, and as Justice for the Court of Appeals and trial judge *pro tem* for the Tohono O'odham Nation. He was named one of 2011's "Heroes on the Hill" by *Indian Country Today* for his work on behalf of the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group before the OAS Inter-American Human Rights Commission.

Federal Recognition Panelists' Bios



Patty Ferguson-Bohnee has substantial experience in Indian law, election law and policy matters, voting rights, and status clarification of tribes. She has testified before the United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and the Louisiana State Legislature regarding tribal recognition, and has successfully assisted four Louisiana tribes in obtaining state recognition. She has represented tribal clients in administrative, state, federal, and tribal courts, as well as before state and local governing bodies. She received her law degree from the Columbia Law School; she was a Fulbright Scholar at the Université de Paris VII; and received her undergraduate degree with honors from Stanford University.

Before joining the faculty of the law school at Arizona State University, she was a clerk for Judge Betty Binns Fletcher of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and was an associate in the Indian Law and Tribal Relations Practice Group at Sacks Tierney P.A. in Phoenix.

In addition, she is a member of the Pointe-au-Chien Indian tribe, where she serves as the Native Vote Election Protection Coordinator for the State of Arizona.



Thomas P. Schlosser is a director at Morisset, Schlosser, Jozwiak & Somerville, Attorneys at Law in Seattle. He specializes in federal litigation, natural resources and Indian tribal property issues, tribal economic development and environmental regulation. He is a lecturer at the University Of Washington School Of Law. He has conducted seminars on the conflicts between surface water uses and minimum stream flow requirements. He has written several scholarly papers on federal Indian law principles, including tribal taxing authority, or the ability for Indian tribes to impose taxes several types of taxes on members and non-members to defray the cost of government services.

He has also written about the ability of tribes to exercise civil jurisdiction over non-members when non-members engage in conduct on fee lands within a tribal reservation that threatens or has some direct effect on the political integrity, the economic security, or the health or welfare of the tribe. Similarly, he has written about endeavors to set out major principles on the sovereign immunity of the United States and of Indian tribes and to apply those principles to current federal legislation concerning Indian tribes.

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Richard Trudell is widely recognized by Indian tribes and organizations for his unwavering commitment to strengthening the tribal capability for self-governance and to ensuring that tribes play a major role in shaping the development of federal Indian law and policy. In 1972, Trudell established the American Indian Lawyer Training Program and in 1981 he created the American Indian Resources Institute. The two organizations have developed educational and training programs for tribal people, in particular the Indian legal community; conducted Native leadership forums and conferences focusing on pressing issues and challenges; and published the *Indian Law Reporter*, a monthly service reporting recent court opinions, and specialized publications such as a legal primer entitled *Indian Tribes as Sovereign Governments* and a *Tribal Water Management Handbook*.

Trudell is well known for his ability to bring people together and has facilitated numerous Native leadership forums across the country, as well as in the U. S. Senate, on a broad range of issues and challenges confronting tribal and Native communities. He has served on numerous boards during the past 40 years, including the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial, the Native American Rights Fund, and the Legal Services Corporation under an appointment by President Jimmy Carter. Trudell is an enrolled member of the Santee (Dakota) Sioux Tribe in Nebraska, an attorney, a veteran, and resides in Piedmont, CA.