

Expert Witness Institute for Victim Advocates

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**Sheraton Suites San Diego
701 A. Street
San Diego, California**

The National Tribal Trial College and the Office on Violence Against Women, United States Department of Justice are pleased to present a free 3 day, hands-on training to prepare victim advocates to provide effective expert witness testimony on the dynamics of domestic violence against Native women in Tribal, state, and federal courts. Led by leading trial attorneys and victim advocates in Indian country, this interactive training will assist victim advocates in:

- Developing professional CV's and resumes
- Understanding how to qualify as an expert witness in Tribal, state, and federal courts
- Mastering the mechanics of providing effective courtroom testimony
- Testifying about the dynamics of domestic violence against Native women
- Testifying about predominant aggressors and self-defense
- Testifying about the effects of domestic violence on children

Participants will learn the tools necessary to educate judges and juries on domestic violence and will practice qualifying and testifying as expert witnesses in small, supportive breakout sessions. All attendees will receive a comprehensive training manual and will be awarded a certificate upon completion of the intensive course.

A discounted room rate of \$129 single and \$149 double is available by calling the Sheraton Suites San Diego at: 619-696-9800 or toll-free at 1-888-625-5144 no later than October 10, 2005. The hotel is conveniently located in the heart of San Diego's Gaslamp District close to numerous shops and restaurants.

Faculty will include: Hon James G. White (Citizen Potawatomi Nation), Deb Blossom (Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley), James Dailey (Laguna Pueblo/Mescalero Apache), Professor Kelly Gaines Stoner (Oklahoma City University School of Law), Sarah Michele Martin (Chief Advocate, Tohono O'Odham Nation), Cheryl Neskahi Coan (Dine), Michele Fuller (S.A.F.E. House), and Jolanda Ingram Marshall (Smith River Rancheria/Tolowa).

Registration is free. Free Continuing Legal Education Units are also available for many jurisdictions.

For more information or to register for the free course, please visit our website at: www.swclap.org or call Arlene O'Brien at 520-623-8192.