

**United States Court of Federal Claims
Western Conference of the Bench and Bar
to be Co-Sponsored by the National Native American Bar Association**



For the first time in its history, the United States Court of Federal Claims—a federal court that sits in Washington, DC—is taking its annual judicial conference to the West Coast. The court’s 24th Annual Judicial Conference, Western Conference of the Bench and Bar, will be held on October 18 and 19, 2011, in Berkeley, California, at the Claremont Resort and Spa.

The court is working closely with the United States Court of Federal Claims Bar Association, the Federal Circuit Bar Association, the Berkeley School of Law, and numerous western state and local bar associations to put together an informative and timely program of topics and activities for all to enjoy. The court is particularly honored to be working with the National Native American Bar Association as a co-sponsor.

This year’s two-day program highlights many key areas of the court’s jurisdiction, including bid protests, government contracts, patents, Fifth Amendment takings, and Indian law. There will also be more than a full day of concurrent programming featuring the court’s vaccine jurisdiction. The court has additionally lined up two exciting luncheon speakers: Chief Judge Randall Rader of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and Assistant Attorney General Tony West of the United States Department of Justice’s Civil Division.

There will also be social and culinary adventures at two evening receptions, providing conference registrants with a unique opportunity to mix and mingle with judicial officers and members of the court’s bar. There is even a rumor that one of those judicial officers and his rock band will provide the entertainment at one of the receptions.

For up-to-date information about the conference, please visit our conference website at <http://www.uscfc.uscourts.gov/conferences/2011>. The site will be updated periodically with the latest conference information, including the agenda, speakers, registration, hotel accommodations, and important announcements, such as the name of that judge and his rock band. Early conference registration is available until September 16, 2011, and members of the National Native American Bar Association qualify for reduced co-sponsor rates. Hotel rooms at

the Claremont are in high demand in October so please make your reservations as soon as possible.

We sincerely hope that you will join us in California in October.